BSJA awards on March 24

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) has announced a new date for its Kool-BSJA Awards for the last seven years (2002-2008). The awards will now be presented to the athletes and organisers, who have contributed in their own fields, at a ceremony at the National Sports Council Tower on March 24.

The award giving ceremony was originally scheduled for February 28 but was postponed due to the tragic incident at Dhaka's BDR headquarters last month.

Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad will distribute prizes among the winners as the chief guest. State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarkar will be present as special guest.

BCCI calls for emergency IPL sitting

CRICINFO, undated

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is likely to take a final decision on hosting the Indian Premier League (IPL) during an emergency working committee meeting in Mumbai on Sunday. At an informal meeting held on Saturday in the city, Lalit Modi the IPL chairman, briefed various members of the board including former president Sharad Pawar, president Shashank Manohar and the secretary N Srinivasan.

"The working committee will be discussing the IPL schedule Sunday," Modi said. He pointed out that the situation regarding the second edition would be assessed and a likely decision was expected by noon today. Modi would then be meeting with the various franchise owners once the BCCI meeting was over.

The non-availability of central paramilitary forces in certain states for the IPL matches, due to the upcoming general elections in the country, has cast a cloud over staging the second season of the tournament. Some of the options for the IPL, beginning on April 10, are having a packed schedule -- with up to three matches in a day -- and shorten the tournament, and/or restrict the matches to states that are willing to provide security for them. IPL officials however, refused to comment on whether there would be a truncated version of the tournament.

"We are ready for any eventuality, and have 42 different schedules prepared Everything will be discussed and finalised at the meeting tomorrow," Modisaid.

Women's WC

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"It's going to be a huge game for us and one that we are determined to win." England secured their place

in the final with a 146-run victory over West Indies on Tuesday, although they were beaten by Australia -- their first defeat in 17 matches -- in their final group game.

New Zealand booked their berth on Thursday following a win over Pakistan by 223 runs.

Cricinfo adds, India beat Australia for the second time in the tournament to take third place and relegate the highly fancied hosts to a disappoint ing fourth on Saturday.

Australia struggled to 142 in their innings at Bankstown Oval, but fought back to have India 104 for 7 before failing to shut down the innings.

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chairman Harun-ur Rashid. Country's eight leading

teams are participating in the expensive soccer meet where a one crore-taka champions' prize is on stake.

Russel top

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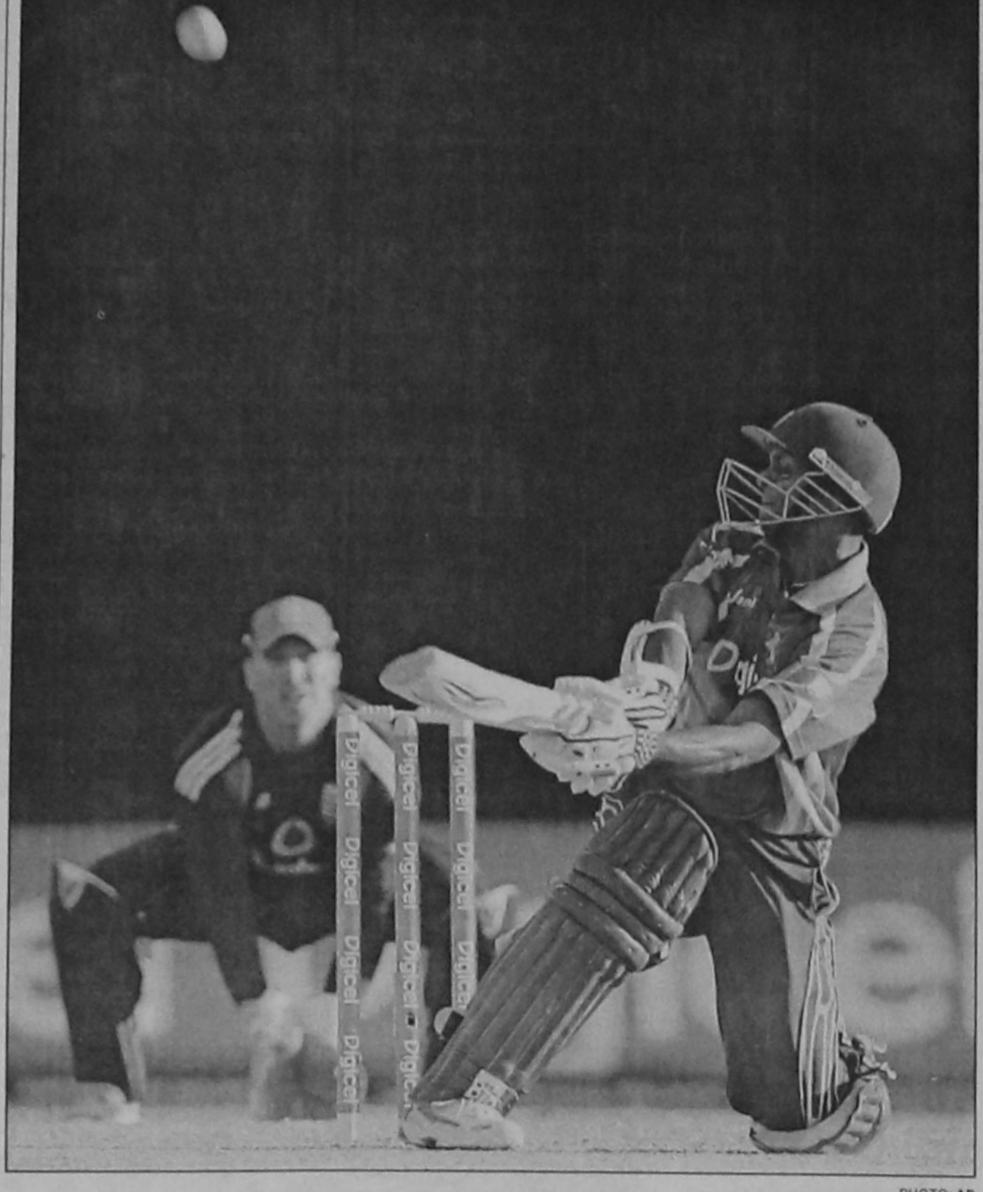
Yellow Cards: Saidul, Banei and Romeo (Chittagong Abahani), Aminul and Nurul Islam (Russel).

TEAMS

SHEIKH RUSSEL: Niloy (Titoo), Hassan, Sohel, Aminul Islam, Brigeme, Ennoury, Monwar, Nurul Islam, Mobarak, Alfaz and Milunovic.

CHITTAGONG ABAHANI: Tuhin, Saidul, Mintu, Emon, Banei, Fullo, Rony (Shariful), Ismail, Jahangir, Romeo and Tucrkile.

Referee: Tayeb Hasan



Shivnarine Chanderpaul scoops the ball over fine leg for a six during his blistering knock of 46 in the first one-day international against England at the National Stadium in Providence, Guyana on Friday. West Indies however lost the game by one run under the Duckworth-Lewis method because of their coach John Dyson's horrendous calculation error.

Eng win for Dyson error based his calculations on six ball from Pollard to deep mid-

Cricket

AFP, Providence

England won the opening one-day international by one run under the Duckworth-Lewis method on Friday, following a horrible mathematical miscalculation by

Paul Collingwood and Owais Shah had hit halfcenturies to help England set West Indies 271 for victory again. from their 50 overs at the Guyana National Stadium.

fading light, when Stuart Broad trapped Denesh Dyson. Ramdin lbw to leave West 46.2 overs and put England ahead on the D/L chart.

Strauss knew that he was ahead, but Dyson misread the numbers and called-in his batsmen with West Indies two behind the required victory target.

running for the job as England coach, consulted match referee Javagal Srinath to confirm his darkest fears that he had misread the figures and handed the tourists a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

following the error from the

wickets lost.

Lendl Simmons led the

keepWest Indies in the game.

When they departed in the ists 64 for two in the 13th over. space of 21 balls, with West Kieron Pollard got 42 from 36 balls to get the hosts moving balls.

wickets England claimed in But the match was winding the space of 34 balls that tilted down to a thrilling finish in the game in the tourists' loss of four wickets. favour and put the pressure on

Indies on 244 for seven from for 41 from 9.2 overs to be England most successful bowler and James Anderson England captain Andrew took two for 39 from eight

the way with 69 from 76 balls and Shah scored 62 from 86 balls to lift England to 270 for seven from their quota of 50 Dyson, believed to be in the overs after they elected to bat.

Collingwood and Shah added 98 from 113 balls for the fourth wicket, but they were both dismissed in the closing overs chasing quick runs.

Shah mistimed a slog- Prior not out sweep and was caught by Strauss and his teammates wicketkeeper Ramdin in the were beaming from ear to ear 42nd over to become Dwayne Bravo's 100th ODI wicket, and West Indies coach who had Collingwood swung a slower Did not bat: Harmison,

wicket in the 47th over. England had started shak-West Indies fight with 62 from ily, after Strauss was caught at 105 balls and Ramnaresh backward point off Daren Sarwan made 57 from 77 balls. Powell for 15 in the seventh They added 125 from 164 over, and Kevin Pietersen was balls for the second wicket to caught at mid-on off Dwayne Bravo for 17 to leave the tour-

But Ravi Bopara put on 53 West Indies coach John Indies on 152 for three, from 62 balls for the third Shivnarine Chanderpaul wicket with Shah before he blitzed 46 from 30 balls and was lbw to left-arm spinner Nikita Miller for 43 from 42

> Collingwood and Shah got But they were two of four England back on course, but England could only manage 64 from the last 10 overs for the

For West Indies, Pollard Sammynotout took two for 46 from eight Broad finished with three overs, and Bravo two for 65

from his allotted 10 overs. The second ODI is on Edwards. Sunday at the same venue. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one- 244. Earlier, Collingwood led day international between West Indies and England at Providence Stadium in Guyana on Friday:

ENGLAND Strauss c Bravo b Powell Bopara Ibw b Miller Pietersen c Powell b Bravo 17 Shah c Ramdin b Bravo Collingwood c Bravo b Pollard Mascarenhas lbw b Pollard 0 Broad run out (Bravo) Battynotout Extras: (lb-4, w-23, nb-1) 28

Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)

Anderson.

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-64, 3-117, 4-215, 5-216, 6-243, 7-

Edwards Pollard

WEST INDIES Gayle lbw b Broad Simmons cAnderson b Batty

Sarwan c Strauss b Collingwood 57 Chanderpaul c Strauss b Broad 46 Pollard c Harmison b Anderson 42 Bravo c Bopara b Anderson 1 Ramdin Ibw b Broad

Extras: (b-5lb-4, w-14) Total: (For 7 wkts in 46.2 overs) 244 Did not bat: Miller, Powell,

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-131, 3-152, 4-212, 5-213, 6-242, 7-

Broad Anderson Harmison Mascarenhas8 Collingwood 7 0 37 1 Result: England won by one run (D/L Method).

Man-of-the-match: Paul Collingwood. Toss: England

Umpires: Aleem Dar (PAK) and Clyde Duncan (WIS) Match referee: Javagal

Ponting c Boucher b Steyn 12

To bat: Clarke, Haddin,

McGain, Johnson, McDonald,

Total: (For 2 wkts in 36 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-57, 2-76.

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Extras: (nb-1)

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Siddle, Hilfenhaus.

Dhoni eyes series

Cricket

CRICINFO, Hamilton

In the end it didn't seem like it had been 33 years in coming. The Indian team hadn't lined up at the picket fence waiting for the winning runs nor did they rush onto the field to soak up what they hadn't experienced on several previous tours -- a Test win in New Zealand.

When Gautam Gambhir pulled Kyle Mills to seal the 10-wicket win, he looked towards the dressing room, clenched a fist, took one of the stumps as souvenir and shook hands with the bowler. And then, he and Dravid went off. There were handshakes and hugs in the Indian camp, before Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the captain, and Sachin Tendulkar, the man-of-the-match, went off for the presentation at the indoors nets. A mandatory press conference for Dhoni followed, after which the team assembled in the dressing room, leaving after a while.

Quite a different feel from when India won at the Wanderers in 2006-07. The team celebrated long and hard then, with famous TV shots of cola being poured over each other, for at least 15 minutes after the match finished. At a time when every small achievement is hailed as a big success and New Zealand is viewed as a Final Frontier (even though India have lost their last series in Australia, South Africa and Sri Lanka), it was almost surreal to see them take this Test win for what it is: a clinical, ruthless performance against a side ranked No. 8 in the world and struggling because of sudden retirements of many senior players. The absence of such characters as Shanthakumaran Sreesanth and Andre Nel, and Andrew Symonds hashelped.

The contrast in celebrations shows how far the team has come. The Wanderers win, even the one in Perth last year, was an unexpected outcome. Hence a more pronounced release. But India came to New Zealand expecting a series win and

barely exceeded their expectations in the first Test. India led from the first session onwards, and kept taking the game away from New Zealand, at times slowly (as in the batting of Gambhir and Dravid), and at times swiftly (Sachin Tendulkar's batting on day three). A Wall Street regular would be proud of how the deal was closed at the Seddon Park. In terms of comprehensiveness, this win stands next to how India beat Australia in Mohali last year -- winning every session, every hour of the game.

Was the team surprised at how easily the landmark win came? "It's not about getting surprised," MS Dhoni said. "That's what you want your team to do. To get the opposition out cheaply. Our bowlers' effort was great. I felt there was not much for the bowlers after that first session. Those couple of hours -- that was the time there was something in the wicket. After that, it was just great effort, grit and determination. Spell after spell they were eager to bowl, they maintained the ball well, they bowled in right areas, and created opportunities. Whether New Zealand didn't perform up to the mark, as an opposition team you want them to do that." More ruthless words are rarely spoken.

But Dhoni can afford to sound detached because he has not suffered the pain of losses in New Zealand, especially since India were regarded one of the best batting line-ups in the world. The likes of Tendulkar, Dravid and VVS Laxman have endured that humiliation.

Dhoni felt nothing less than a series win would satisfy the Indians. "It's a great feeling, especially for guys who whose careers have spanned more than 10 years," he said. "They have played at most of the venues all over the world, and if it's the first win for them, it can't get better. But hopefully if we can win the series it will be great. One of the first milestones we have achieved is to take the lead, now it's important to play the same kind of cricket in the second and third game. Let' hope we win the series and that will be the best gift we can give to them [the seniors]."

India at Seddon Park in

279 (Vettori 118, Ryder 102;

INDIA: First innings 520

(Tendulkar 160, Gambhir 72,

NEW ZEALAND: Second

Hamilton on Saturday:

Sharma 4-73, Patel 3-60)

innings (overnight 75-3)

McIntosh c Tendulkar b Zaheer

Guptill c Sehwag b Harbhajan

Taylor c Sehwag b Patel

Ryder lbw b Harbhajan

Franklin c Patel b Harbhajan

O'Brien c Laxman b Harbhajan

Vettori c Dhoni b Harbhajan21

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-68, 3-75,

4-110, 5-132, 6-154, 7-161, 8-

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Total: (For no loss in 5.2 overs) 39

Did not bat: Sehwag,

Tendulkar, Laxman, Yuvraj,

Dhoni, Harbhajan , Zaheer,

Result: India won by 10 wick-

Man-of-the-match: Sachin

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Mills lbw b Patel

Martin not out

199, 9-275, 10-279.

Harbhajan 28

Gambhir not out

Dravid not out

Extras: (b-1)

Sharma, Patel.

Bowler

Tendulkar.

Martin

Mills

INDIA: Second innings

Bowler

Sharma

Zaheer

Patel

Yuvraj

LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

The Premier Cricket League relegation phase starts today with Victoria taking on City Club at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. Three teams are taking part in the relegation playoffs, which will be played in a league format with all teams playing two matches.

Young Pegasus are the other team in the Relegation League. Pegasus play City Club on March 24 and Victoria play Pegasus on March 27 also at Mirpur.

EXIM BANK HANDBALL

Madaripur outplayed Jha lakathi 16-1 in the opening match of the EXIM Bank 20th National Women's Handball Competition at the Madaripur Stadium yesterday.

In other matches, Jessore beat Satkhira 18-13, Kushtia beat Gopalganj 10-6, Madaripur beat Gopalganj 19-01 and Narail beat Khulna 14-10.

Deputy Commissioner of Madaripur Shashi Kumar Singha inaugurated the meet earlier in the day.

Roddick ousts Djokovic

AFP, Indian Wells

Andy Roddick ousted defending champion Novak Djokovic in straight sets on Friday to set up a semifinal clash with world number one Rafael Nadal at the Indian Wells hardcourt tennis tournament.

Roddick, seeded seventh needed just 68 minutes to dispatch the out-of-sorts Serbian 6-3, 6-2.

Djokovic, seeded third double-faulted to give Roddick a match point, on which he fired a backhand long. He finished with 30 unforced errors.

Nadal, meanwhile, bounced back from a tough fourth-round match to notch a 6-2, 6-4 victory over sixthseeded Argentinian Juan Martin del Potro.

Two days earlier, Nadal saved five match points as he clawed his way to a win over Argentina's David Nalbandian.

There was no comparable drama in his victory over del Potro, although he hit a speed bump against the world number six in the second set. Leading 5-1, Nadal lost

three straight games, del Potro saving a match point against his serve in the ninth game. In women's action, defending champion Ana Ivanovic ended the Cinderella run of

Russian teenager Anastasia Pavlyuchenko with a 6-2, 6-3 semifinal victory. Pavlyuchenko, 17, had beaten world number three Jelena Jankovic and number 10 Agnieszka Radwanska en route

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to her first WTA Tour semifinal. In Sunday's final, the fifthseeded Ivanovic will face fourth-seeded Russian Vera Zvonareva.

Zvonareva reached the final with a 6-3, 6-3 triumph over doubles partner Victoria Azarenka of Belarus.

De Villiers puts SA on top AUSTRALIA: First innings 209 AUSTRALIA: Second innings Bryce McGain, playing in his SOUTH AFRICA: First innings Hughes c Kallis b Harris

Amlac Haddin b Johnson 46

Kallis c and b Hilfenhaus 102

De Villiers c McDonald b Katich 163

Harris c Haddin b Johnson 27

Extras: (b-19, lb-24, nb-10, w-9) 62

Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-162, 3-

and have let themselves down.

Mahmudullah Riyad, who has

played 24 ODIs, has had a

dissatisfactory Premier League

after a run-fest in the National

Cricket League, which forced

the selectors to hand him his

has been the ever-reliable

Mashrafe Bin Mortaza of Tigers

and Abahani who is at number

three with 22 wickets with an

average of 14.81 from ten

matches. Following closely at

number four is Mahbubul Alam

of Biman also with 22 wickets at

an average of 15.63 from nine

matches. National and Biman

pacer Shahadat Hossain made

his presence felt in the list with

14 wickets from 11 matches

DOHS is the top wicket taker in

11.27 runs apiece. With his

tally will not be increasing any

further which makes Saglain

Abul Hasan Raju of Old

with an average of 35.07.

In the bowling department it

ODI cap in Sri Lanka.

(overnight 404-3)

Imraan c & b Siddle

Duminy b Johnson

Morkel b McDonald

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Steyn c Clarke b Katich

Total: (All out in 154.3 overs)

Prince c Haddin b Hilfenhaus

Boucher c Ponting b Johnson

FROM PAGE 17 first Test.

Hughes and Katich made an aggressive start to the Australian second innings, putting on 57.

But Hughes was out for the second time in the match in the first over bowled by leftarm spinner Paul Harris, edging a catch to slip.

Ponting was then caught behind off Dale Steyn for 12, three balls after he survived a referral by the umpires when Harris claimed a catch at gully off the fast bowler. Replays indicated the ball bounced just short of the fielder.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the

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scored 385 runs.

third day of the third Test between South Africa and Australia at Newlands on Saturday:

praised by Sri Lanka great and

Other young bloods who

have shone with the bat in

hand are Uttam Sarker (401)

and Suvagata Hom (391) of

Cricket Coaching School

(CCS), Abahani opener Rony

Talukdar (390) and Arman

Hossain of Victoria who has

shift the focus on these young-

sters. It was seen in the past

how youngsters who bloomed

in the domestic league have

been prematurely put in the

national side and a failure to

repeat their domestic feats in

the big stage have destroyed

their careers. A world of differ-

ence between the two stages

will impel the juveniles to be

consistent and keep their feet

Igbal, Imrul Kayes, Mehrab

Hossain, Roquibul Hassan who

It is however too early to

teammate Sanath Jayasuriya.

Stars not shining

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322, 4-415, 5-443, 6-467, 7-Duminy Franklin signs for Gloucs

New Zealand all-rounder James Franklin on Friday agreed a deal to play for English county Gloucestershire where he will link-up again with coach and compatriot John Bracewell.

"I am delighted to have signed with Gloucestershire for the 2009 season," said Franklin who is currently playing in the first Test against India in Hamilton but will arrive in England next month in time for the start of the season.

"Having spent time with the team in 2004 I know that there is a tremendous passion within the side to win games.

"I'm also looking forward to linking up with John Bracewell again as I know he will bring out the best in individuals. I'm looking forward to helping Gloucestershire challenge for trophies."

Bracewell, the county's director of cricket, said: "As a left-arm, new-ball bowler, who is a genuine all-rounder, James will improve the balance of our squad.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer 38 Hackman 58 Sawbuck 23 Classical 1 Deterioor Wilder

greatly disappointed their fans overtake him.

on the ground to survive in the the league with 29 wickets at

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU SHORTEN THE LENGTH OF A CASUAL RED-AND-GREEN SHIRT. ARE YOU TRIMMING THE CHRISTMAS TEE? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals E

India end NZ drought

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for New Zealand. The hosts went into the fourth day at 75-3, fighting for survival after India had posted 520 in their first innings for a 241 runlead.

On a pitch which offered

minimal turn, Harbhajan had

India on the verge of victory midway through the middle session when New Zealand were seven for 161. However, McCullum had other ideas, delaying the inevitable with a 38-run partnership

with Vettori for the eighth wicket and 76 with Iain O'Brien Zaheer Kahn over. for the ninth. would have to bat again and arrival of Harbhajan hastened spared New Zealand the

embarrassment of an innings defeat. After New Zealand's recognised batsmen had failed in the first innings, they needed to produce substantial performances in their second turn at

But only Daniel Flynn wicket bag and took his career offered any serious resistance, atoning in some way for his earlier dropping of Tendulkar when the Indian master batsman was 13 runs into what became 160.

Brought to the crease after Tim McIntosh fell on the third ball of the innings, Flynn stood defiant in the middle for nearly five hours and faced 183 deliveries for his 67. He survived one chance on

55 when dropped by Napier on Thursday. wicketkeeper Mahendra Singh Dhoni off Harbhajan.

before the wily spinner had the final say with a bat-pad catch to Gautam Gambhir nine overs NEW ZEALAND: First innings afterlunch.

New Zealand had lost the wickets of Ross Taylor and Jesse Ryder before lunch. Taylor laboured for an hour Dravid 66, Zaheer 51*; Martin

to reach four when he ran out of 3-98, O'Brien 3-103)

In his second over Extras: (b-1, lb-3)

patience and slashed at a short, rising delivery from Munaf Patel and was caught in the gully by Virender Sehwag. First innings centurion Flynnc Gambhir b Harbhajan Ryder attempted to knock the confidence out of the Indians,

belting a six and a four off a This only hastened the McCullumcLaxmanbYuvraj In doing so he ensured India introduction of spin, and the the fall of wickets.

> Harbhajan had Ryder trapped Total: (All out in 102.3 overs) leg before wicket for 21 and he followed with the dismissals of Franklin (14), Flynn, Vettori (21) and O'Brien (14). It was the 23rd time the offspinner had claimed a five-

total to 321 dismissals. But it was Yuvraj Singh who ended the New Zealand innings with a quicker ball to McCullum which was topedged to VVS Laxman at short fine-leg and his defiant 168minute stand was over.

Gambhir, not out 30, and Rahul Dravid with eight then wasted no time wrapping up the match. The second Test starts in

SCOREBOARD Completed scoreboard on the But the relief was short- fourth day of the first Test lived as he only added 12 runs between New Zealand and