



Pakistan captain Mohammad Yousuf kneels down to drive one through the covers on the second day of the second Test against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday.

Mohammedan's hockey camp from Jan 10

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club's residential hockey camp will get underway on January 10.

All players with their sports gears have been asked to report to club tent on that day.

The hockey season starts through the Club Cup soon after the completion of the SA Games to be held in Bangladesh from January 29 to February 9.

Bollinger

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Australia got into trouble when Ricky Ponting won the toss and batted on an unusual SCG surface, sliding to 127. Bollinger would not admit his personal feelings on Ponting's decision, which has attracted heavy criticism, but said he had never seen an SCG pitch as green as this one. "It doesn't bother me, it's just the way it goes," he said of Ponting's call at the toss. "I can't change anything now. It's gone, we're just worrying about the second innings now. Everyone's really positive and we all back Ricky 110 per cent."

While Bollinger said the pitch offered less movement on the second day, the bowlers still failed to take their opportunities before lunch as Salman Butt and Imran Farhat opened with a 109-run stand. There were regular plays and misses, although the fast men seemed reluctant to change to a consistent, fuller length.

Waugh enters

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Waugh made 10,927 Test runs and has twice been a World Cup winner who captained Australia to 41 Test wins from 57 matches, with an outstanding winning percentage of 71.93.

Too cold for

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The ticket price is a bit high. We believe, it is not the price rather the biting cold that is behind this poor turnout," said GS Hasan Tamim, chairman of the Ticket and Seating Committee of BCB.

It's not so easy to watch matches for a longer period of time in this weather. People of our country are not used to sitting in the stands for long, especially with their families, even if it is an international match. But we hope, the scenario will change from tomorrow's match," Tamim hoped.

Zoran arrives

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after his arrival," said BFF general secretary Al Musabbir Sadi adding that Djordjevic and his two assistants were coming under a package for two months. Djordjevic appeared for an interview before BFF high-ups last December and watched the performance of the national team during the SAFF Championship where Bangladesh, coached by Shahidur Rahman Shantoo, were eliminated from the semifinals.

The 57-year-old Serbian has experience of coaching the Yemen and Sudan's national teams apart from various clubs of Middle East. Djordjevic guided Churchill Brothers SC to the I-League title in 2008-2009, the first foreign coach to achieve the feat. It was Churchill's first league title too.

The camp of the Under-23 will start from January 15.

Donald offered India job

CRICKET

CRICINFO, undated

Mahendra Singh Dhoni's recent pleas for the bowling coach's position to be filled -- it has been vacant since October -- seem to have fallen on the right ears. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), it appears, has started work on replacing Venkatesh Prasad and has sounded out Allan Donald for the position.

Donald confirmed he was approached by the Indian board for the position of the bowling coach and said that he was keen to take up the offer. However, he said, Indian board officials involved in the recruitment process had told him things could take longer than expected for the BCCI to take a final decision. It is expected that the BCCI will try and fill the position before South Africa's tour of India in February.

"Yes, I had an informal chat during Champions League

Twenty20 with an Indian board official," Donald told Cricinfo. "I would be interested to talk to the BCCI regarding the bowling coach job that is currently vacant and I'm keen [on the job]."

The official, who met Donald in October when he had come to India for a TV commentary assignment, wanted to check if the South African was open for a full-time role.

The position has been lying vacant since Venkatesh Prasad's sacking on October 15. The BCCI did not give any explanation for that decision but board sources said the slump in India's bowling since the ICC World Twenty20 was becoming a growing concern. Donald, the first South African to take more than 300 Test wickets, has experience as a bowling coach -- he took up the role in England for a short period in 2007. He then spent a year with Warwickshire as head coach but decided after the last season to give it up and spend more time with his

family in South Africa.

That stint with Warwickshire brought Donald into contact with Sreesanth, who was on a two-month stint with the county as an overseas player. It was Donald who suggested Sreesanth might be ready for a return to international cricket. Though impressed by Sreesanth's talent, the straight-speaking Donald was critical of his training habits and said they needed to improve if he was to realise his full potential.

Sanath has to

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concern to the team as it perhaps was to Mahela himself. "It's a concern to Mahela and he himself would acknowledge that he has not been scoring much runs in ODIs," Bayliss said. "But he is too good a player to miss out for long. Our top three have been doing well and so perhaps there has not been enough chances for Mahela to score. But, he is not here in this series because of an injury he picked up in India; he might make an appearance some time later on the tour."

Straight Drive

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pitches that were on offer in India but pitches where bowlers can get something. The winter air will also mean not as much energy expended as in India, so all told the bowlers may not feel hopeless as they were in India. Still it's a limited overs tournament and the game can change in a matter of overs. India will be the favourites because of the experience that they have in both batting and bowling, but limited-overs cricket has made fools of all the pundits in the past too.

MSC's hard-fought

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as four players, three of them were Farshaganj booters. Compared to the first half's play, Mohammedan came back more organised in the second and created two more scoring chances, but unluckily they could not increase the margin.

Emily headed a Mamunul Islam cross just wide of the mark in the 61st minute while substitute Shakil Ahmed let loose a powerful shot from the top of the box only to be fisted away by Farshaganj goalkeeper Titumir Chowdhury in the 72nd minute.

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN: Aminul

Haque, Wali Faisal, Hasan Al Mamun, Mofazzal Hossain Saikat (Paul Emanuel Dami), Ariful Islam, Arman Aziz, Mamunul Islam, Abdul Baten Komol (Shakil Ahmed), Enamul Haque Sharif (Zahid Hossain), Emeka Christian, Zahid Hasan Emily.

FARSHAGANJ: Titumir Chowdhury, Emeka Lucky Uti, Rezaul Karim Raza, Arafat Rony, Imroz Chowdhury, Mexbabul Haque Manik, Hirok Joarder, Ismail Jahed, Imtiaz Sultan, Kalu Johnson and Touhidur Alam.

Yellow cards: Arafat, Hirok and Kalu (Farshaganj), Mamunul (Mohammedan). Referee: Shahidul Islam. Lu.

Pakistan take big lead

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the cautious and patient approach of the Pakistani openers. Content to accumulate rather than dominate, Farhat and Butt shelved their cross-bat strokes and successfully repelled threatening spells from Bollinger, Peter Siddle, Mitchell Johnson and Watson to post their third career century stand and first against Australia.

Farhat and Butt have emerged as a dependable solution to Pakistan's problematic opening slot. Their stand of 109, which took their first-wicket partnership average to a robust 47.43, built upon the foundation laid by Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Sami the preceding day to deliver the tourists to a position of dominance in the match. The union was not without its anxious moments, most notably when Farhat was dropped by Marcus North to a regulation slips chance off the bowling of Siddle on 11, but both stood firm on an improving pitch.

Farhat went on to raise his 13th half-century before skying an attempted sweep off the bowling of Nathan Hauritz shortly after the lunch break. Butt also fell in the second session, edging a full-length delivery from a deserving Johnson, however Faisal Iqbal and Yousuf ensured there were no further setbacks with an unbroken 46-run third-wicket partnership heading into tea. Iqbal was first to fall after the

break to an athletic, backpedalling catch from Watson at backward point off the bowling of Siddle. That prompted a mad flurry of runs and dismissals that saw Bollinger and Watson combine for five wickets and Pakistan attempt to blaze the second new ball to all corners of the SCG.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between Australia and Pakistan at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday:
AUSTRALIA: First innings 127 all out in 44.2 overs (Johnson 38, Hussey 28, Hauritz 21; Asif 6-41, Sami 3-27)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 14-0)
Farhat c Haddin b Hauritz 53
Butt c Haddin b Johnson 71
Iqbal c Watson b Siddle 27
Yousuf c Haddin b Johnson 46
Umar lbw b Bollinger 49
Misbah c Haddin b Bollinger 11
Kamran c Watson b Bollinger 13
Sami c Haddin b Watson 14
Gul c Bollinger b Watson 12
Kanerla not out 0
Asif not out 2
Extras: (b-2, lb-16, w-5, nb-10) 33
Total: (For 9 wks in 96 overs) 331
Fall of wickets: 1-109, 2-144, 3-205, 4-237, 5-277, 6-286, 7-295, 8-323, 9-331

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bollinger	21	5	70	3
Siddle	22	4	62	1
Johnson	20	2	64	2
Watson	17	4	40	2
Hauritz	16	3	77	1

Cook leads fightback

Cricket

AFP, Cape Town

Alastair Cook made a patient half-century as England recovered from a poor start on the second day of the third Test against South Africa at Newlands on Monday.

Cook made 65 not out as England reached 133 for four at tea in reply to South Africa's 291 all out.

Seven wickets fell during a dramatic morning's play, with South Africa losing their last four wickets for 12 runs in 17 balls at the start of the day and England slumping to 64 for three at lunch.

Another wicket fell soon after the interval when Paul Collingwood was leg before wicket to Morne Morkel for 19.

But Cook and Ian Bell (24 not out) ground out an unbeaten 60-run partnership as the bowling lost its sting and the shine went off the ball.

Cook followed up his century when England won the second Test in Durban by an

innings and 98 runs with another careful innings, leaving many deliveries and waiting for the right ball to hit. He took 112 balls to post his fifty, hitting five fours.

England fast bowler James Anderson took three wickets for one run at the start of play as South Africa's remaining batsmen succumbed rapidly. Anderson finished with five for 63, his eighth five-wicket haul in Tests, but the key breakthrough came from fellow paceman Graham Onions, who dismissed South African centurion Jacques Kallis with the second ball of the day.

After Dale Steyn took a leg bye off the first ball, Kallis was squared up by a delivery which fizzed off the pitch. He could only edge it to wicketkeeper Matt Prior without adding to his overnight 108.

With the second new ball still virtually new, the tail was swept aside by Anderson.

But South Africa struck back almost immediately when Morne Morkel had

England captain Andrew Strauss caught behind for two, driving at the last ball of the first over of the England innings.

Cook and Jonathan Trott took the total to 36 before Dale Steyn, who came on as first change, took two wickets in three balls.

Trott was bowled off an inside edge for 20, Kevin Pietersen was greeted by a bouncer, which he ducked under, but then pushed a full, swinging delivery back to a delighted bowler.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the third Test between South Africa and England at Newlands in Cape Town on Monday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 279-6)
Smith c Prior b Anderson 30
Prince c Prior b Anderson 0
Amla lbw b Onions 14
Kallis c Prior b Onions 108
De Villiers c Strauss b Swann 36
Duminy c Prior b Swann 0
Boucher lbw b Broad 51
Steyn c Trott b Anderson 26

Morkel c Swann b Anderson 0
Harris not out 10
DeWet lbw b Anderson 0
Extras: (b-1, lb-13, nb-1, w-1) 26
Total: (all out in 86.1 overs) 291
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-46, 3-51, 4-127, 5-127, 6-216, 7-280, 8-280, 9-281

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	21.1	1	63	5
Onions	20	4	69	2
Broad	19	6	54	1
Swann	22	1	74	2
Pietersen	4	0	17	0

ENGLAND: First innings
Strauss c Boucher b Morkel 2
Cook not out 65
Trott b Steyn 20
Pietersen c and b Steyn 0
Collingwood lbw b Morkel 19
Bell not out 24
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-1) 3
Total: (For 4 wks in 50 overs) 133
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-36, 3-36, 4-73

To bat: Prior, Broad, Swann, Anderson, Onions

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Morkel	11	2	31	2
DeWet	13	3	32	0
Steyn	10	5	27	2
Kallis	9	2	16	0
Harris	6	0	24	0
Duminy	1	0	2	0

Real fire

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New Almeria coach Juanma Lillo enjoyed a winning start as his side clinched a crucial 1-0 win over relegation rivals Xerez.

Substitute Jose Ortiz Bernal netted an 89th minute winner just three minutes after coming on to gift Lillo a debut win after taking over from axed Mexican Hugo Sanchez.

Almeria move three points above the relegation zone while basement boys Xerez slide towards relegation lying eight points from safety with just one win all season.

Struggling Malaga were left frustrated as they twice surrendered the lead to be pegged back 2-2 at Sporting Gijon and stay third from bottom.

At the other end of the table Deportivo La Coruna missed the chance to move level on points with fourth-placed Sevilla, who lost 2-1 at Atletico Madrid on Saturday, with a 0-0 draw at Real Zaragoza.



England opener Alastair Cook acknowledges the crowd's applause after reaching his half-century on the second day of the third Test against South Africa at Newlands in Cape Town on Monday.

'Our bowling was a treat'

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Waqar Younis, Pakistan's bowling coach, said it was "a treat" to watch his side's bowling on the first day of the Sydney Test. Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Sami combined for nine wickets on a grassy SCG pitch to bowl out Australia for 127, allowing Pakistan to take control of the Test by the end of the second day with a lead of over 200 runs.

"We were hungry and disciplined yesterday with the ball and it was a treat to watch," Waqar said. "Sami was on his comeback and when he went out, he looked at things and took responsibility so well to be leader of the attack. The Mohammad Aamer injury was unfortunate but it was a blessing in a way as well."

After Sami had ripped

through the top three, Asif picked his way through the rest of the batting, ending with a career-best 6 for 41. The display prompted comparisons with Glenn McGrath in sections of the Australian press, though Waqar was quick to play that down. "Whenever he gets a wicket like this, he will take wickets. The McGrath comparisons are too much because he took over 500 wickets and Asif is still new. The style of bowling is maybe similar but he is a very good bowler."

There were concerns over the third paceman Umar Gul, who had been dropped for the first Test in Melbourne because of poor form. Gul only took one wicket -- the last one of Doug Bollinger -- and still looked short of form. "He is different to the others. He often has problems with his run-up and rhythm," Waqar said. "He may be lacking a little confidence and didn't get

the wickets but I thought he bowled well and was unlucky actually to not get more wickets."

Though Pakistan are in a strong position, Waqar believes they will have to work very hard to win the Test, which would be their first in 15 years against Australia. "We

are in a strong position, we have a grip on the match and we could have been stronger. But in Australia you have to work hard to win a Test. They will not just give it to you. We haven't lost a session yet in this Test and I am happy with that. Danish might now become more important."

BD-SL SCOREBOARD

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Extras: (b-4, lb-9, w-9, nb-2) 24
Total: (For 3 wickets 44.5 overs) 261

Did not bat: Kamdamba, Pushpakumara, Randiv, Lakmal, Kulasekara, Welegedara

Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-183, 3-242

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shafiq	5	0	39	1
Rubel	7	0	47	1
Shakib	10	0	43	0
Razzak	10	0	37	0
Mahmudullah	6	0	32	0
Naem	5.5	0	39	0
Ashrafu	1	0	11	0

Result: Sri Lanka won by 7 wickets. Man-of-the-match: Tillakaratne Dilshan. Toss: Sri Lanka. Umpires: Enamul Haque and Ian Gould.

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18 Before
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