

Advantage Australia

Cricket AFP, Sydney

Australia trailed India by 75 runs after a remarkable opening day of the second Test in Sydney on Tuesday...

India were skittled out for 191 off 59.3 overs and the hosts lost three early wickets before recovering to 116 for three at the close.

At stumps, skipper Michael Clarke (47) and former captain Ricky Ponting (44) had restored the Australian innings with an unbroken 79-run stand.

Young Australian pacer James Pattinson ripped the heart out of the tourists' decorated batting line-up with four wickets after India won the toss.

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni top-scored with an unbeaten 57 as the tourists fell apart again after being routed for 169 in the second innings of last week's first Test in Melbourne...



(0) and Umesh Yadav (0) to mop up India's innings. Tendulkar, 38, has been stranded on 99 Test and one-day international centuries since scoring 111 against South Africa in the World Cup in March.

The Sydney Cricket Ground has been one of the "Little Master's" favourite Test grounds, where he averaged an incredible 221.33 and scored three of his 51 Test hundreds coming into this week's Test.

But he again failed to capitalise on a solid start, following his fluent 73 in Melbourne.

This is the centenary Test match at the SCG, which is only the third ground in Test cricket behind Lord's (123) in London and the Melbourne Cricket Ground (104) to stage 100 Tests.

Cricket scoreboard for India vs Australia, first day. Includes columns for batsmen (Gambhir, Clarke, Sehwag, Dravid, Tendulkar, Kohli, Dhoni) and bowlers (Pattinson, Hilfenhaus, Siddle, Hussey, Lyon).

PRIZE WON: Australia fast bowler James Pattinson is ecstatic after rattling the stumps of India master batsman Sachin Tendulkar during the first day of the second Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday.

a first-ball duck on the first delivery of Zaheer's next over and Cowan fell leg before wicket for 16 to the left-arm.

Clarke and Ponting were finding the going easy in the final hour, showing ominous signs of building a big first-innings lead on the second day.

Pattinson earlier triggered the tourists' slide when had Gautam Gambhir out off the third ball of the match, nudging an outswinger to Clarke at first slip for a duck to continue his poor series.

India have now gone 10 Test innings without a half-century opening stand. Rahul Dravid fell to a bat-pad catch to Cowan in Peter Siddle's second over for five off 33 balls.

Danger man Virender Sehwag had a "life" on 23 when he was dropped by Ponting at second slip off Ben Hilfenhaus, but the big-

hitter fell to another splendid Pattinson delivery, nicking to Haddin for 30 off 51 balls in the 19th over.

Pattinson, bowling with beautiful shape, tempted VVS Laxman to edge a drive to Marsh at third slip for a disappointing two after scores of two and one in Melbourne.

It was a rare batting failure for Laxman at the SCG, which statistically is his most productive scoring venue outside of India -- his five previous Test knocks in Sydney have produced three hundreds and an average of 96.20.

His cheap dismissal left India struggling at 59 for four and while Virat Kohli showed some promise, he too fell to a catch behind, off Siddle for 23.

Ravi Ashwin (20) and Zaheer (0) fell in consecutive balls in Hilfenhaus's last over before tea and were followed by Ishant Sharma

Navy upend BGB

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Navy defeated Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) by 72-56 points in their match of the Citycell 25th National Basketball Championship at the Dhanmondi Indoor Basketball Gymnasium yesterday, after leading the competitive first half by 40-37 points.

Mithun and Sagar scored 35 and 16 points respectively for Navy while Morshed and Manzil caged 26 and 13 points respectively for BGB.

The second round matches will start today Chandpur and Shatkira facing off in the first match and Jessore taking on Rajshahi in the second.

Feni cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Roushanabad Cricket Club defeated Friendship Cricket Club by four wickets in their match of the Beacon Group First Division Cricket League at the Shaheed Salam Stadium in Feni yesterday.

Roushanabad reached the victory target of 137 with four wickets to spare, courtesy of 45 from Sujun and 39 from Rana.

All square

FROM PAGE 16 goalkeeper Uttam Kumar rescued his side thwarting Shaiful's shot for a corner in the 29th minute.

One minute later forward Shahinul Islam hammered a 20-yarder from outside the danger zone but was denied by the woodwork.

Shahin then failed to connect a Robin Hasan cross despite being at an opportune position inside the box.

Five minutes before the end, Brothers nearly found the back of the Wari net as Nigerian forward Joshua Olaekan placed one for the goal, but Wari defender Mokhlesur Rahman made a timely intervention to make a goal-line save to save the day for Wari.

"Our target was to collect one point from Brothers and we are happy with achieving it. We might have even won the game had one of our shots not hit the crossbar," said Wari captain Shaiful Islam.

"We were down in the match and there was lack of combination among the boys because it was the first match. Besides, we made a lot of mistakes in the game and we have to rectify those in the remaining matches," said Brothers coach Syed Naemuddin.

In another match of the day at Birshrestha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium, Rahmatganj and Farashganj shared points with a goalless draw.

Kallis, Petersen put SA on top

Cricket AFP, Cape Town

Jacques Kallis and Alviro Petersen hit centuries as South Africa dominated the first day of the third and final Test against Sri Lanka at Newlands on Tuesday.

South Africa were 347 for three at the close after being sent in to bat.

Kallis, playing in his 150th Test match, was on 159 not out. He and Petersen (109) put on 205 for the third wicket, a record for South Africa against Sri Lanka.

It was a triumphant return to his home town for Kallis after making the first 'pair' of his career during South Africa's defeat in the second Test in Durban. He was in imperious form as he reached his half-century off 37 balls and his century off 114 deliveries with 17 fours.

His scoring rate slowed later in the day and by the close he had faced 215 balls and hit 21 fours and a six.

It was Kallis' 41st Test century, his ninth at Newlands - and his first against Sri Lanka. He joined Gary Kirsten, the current coach, as the only South Africans to hit centuries against all nine possible Test opponents.

Petersen scored a century on his debut against India in Kolkata in 2009/10 but made only three half-centuries in eight subsequent appearances and was replaced as captain Graeme Smith's opening partner by Jacques Rudolph at the start of this season.

Rudolph was shifted to number six in the batting order to make way for Petersen, who was rewarded for strong domestic form. Petersen took full advantage of his recall with an authoritative innings which included 13 fours and a six.

He saw two partners leave early, with both Smith and Hashim Amla falling to fast bowler Dhammika Prasad, who replaced the injured

Dilhara Fernando. There was an anxious wait for Petersen, who was stuck on 99 during the tea break. But he went to his century in the first over after the resumption, off 165 balls, before playing a loose drive to be caught by Sri Lankan captain Tillekeratne Dilshan at cover off the left-arm opening bowler Chanaka Welegedara.

With the series tied at 1-1, Dilshan gambled by sending South Africa in. Hopes that a green-tinged pitch would help his fast bowlers were soon shown to be mistaken, while early morning cloud soon cleared on what became an ideal day for batting.

After their early successes, the Sri Lankans seldom looked likely to take a wicket and they squandered their allocation of reviews when umpire Richard Kettleborough twice gave Kallis not out when Chanaka Welegedara appealed for leg before wicket decisions.

On both occasions the umpire was shown to be right. Prasad struck with his first delivery of the match when Smith attempted a forcing shot off the back foot and edged the ball into his stumps.

He had a second success when Amla played across the line and was leg before wicket. But Prasad proved expensive and finished the day with figures of two for 85 from 14 overs.

Both teams made two changes. For Sri Lanka, Prasad replaced Fernando, while Lahiru Thirimanne was selected as an opening batsman ahead of Tharanga Paranavitana.

Rudolph's move to number six was at the expense of Ashwell Prince, while opening bowler Vernon Philander replaced Marchant de Lange after recovering from the knee injury which kept him out of the second Test.

Kallis became the sixth player in the world to appear

in 150 Test matches.

Cricket scoreboard for South Africa vs Sri Lanka, first day. Includes columns for batsmen (Smith, Dilshan, Amla, Prasad, Kallis, De Villiers) and bowlers (Rudolph, Boucher, Philander, Steyn, Morkel, Tahir).

Li shines, yet China lose

AFP, Perth

Chinese star Li Na showed she had put her post-French Open slump firmly behind her with a commanding win over Spain's Annabel Medina Garrigues at the mixed teams Hopman Cup on Tuesday.

Having come from a set down to dispose of world number nine Marion Bartoli on the opening day of the tournament, the world number five lived up to her claim after that win that she was "back" by thrashing the 27th-ranked Medina Garrigues, 6-3, 6-1, despite China losing the tie to the Spanish 2-1.

Li, 29, said an intensive off-season training regime in Munich had helped her rebound from a disappointing finish to 2012.

"After winter training was feeling better for the season," she said.

"After French Open I didn't do well. "I had four weeks [in Munich], no photo shoots, no interviews, just very tough training."

SCG to have big facelift

AFP, Sydney

The venerable Sydney Cricket Ground is to get a major 191 million US dollars makeover with the demolition of three spectator stands in favour of one huge state-of-the-art grandstand, officials said Tuesday.

Known as the city's "grand lady", the SCG began life as a military cricket ground in the 1850s and hosted its first Test, against England, in 1882.

The ground celebrated its 100th Test on Tuesday with Australia's second Test against India, and Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced a sweeping upgrade of the "iconic sporting arena" to mark the occasion.

"This is an exciting project, not only for Sydneysiders but for all Australians, who have grown up watching the New Year's Test and relishing in the history and tradition of the ground," Gillard said in a statement.

"Today marks the beginning of the next stage of SCG's development to ensure it maintains its rightful place as a world-class sporting facility."

Work is expected to begin shortly after Australia's one-day international against India in February and the upgrade is scheduled for completion in time for the Ashes series against England in early 2014.

KCA crush

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Boys (112-9 in 20 overs) by six wickets. In the day's only relegation play-off, Rupali Bank (120-4 in 20.2 overs) beat City Club (115-8 in 22 overs) by six wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

He can get only better

Cricket AFP, Sydney

Australia pace sensation James Pattinson has surprised even himself by how quickly he has taken to Test cricket.

The 21-year-old took 4-43, including the wicket of Sachin Tendulkar, as Australia bowled India out for 191 in the second Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Tuesday.

That came in his fourth Test after his first two featured five-wicket hauls and the third last week earned him the man-of-the-match award as Australia beat India by 122 runs.

The Victorian, a genuine quick who bowls over the 140 kilometre per hour mark, could barely contain his excitement as he bounded into meet the media at the end of the first day of play.

"I'm loving it," he told reporters. "I'm just loving playing Test cricket and playing for Australia."

"I'm honoured to be out there playing against some of the best batsmen in the world and getting Sachin out is something I'll remember for the rest of my life, it's an amazing feeling."

Pattinson made his international debut in a one-dayer on Australia's tour of Bangla-

desh earlier this year and was awarded a central contract in June.

Well down the pecking order before the start of the domestic summer, a string of injuries laid the path to his debut against New Zealand in Brisbane last month.

"My expectation was just to perform well for the Australian cricket team, take wickets, and try and get a regular spot in the team," he added.

"I don't think anyone would have thought [it would have gone so well]. You hope for it. Having said that, if you do all the right things, you bowl well, you never know what might come to you."

Pattinson paid credit to the work of bowling coach Craig McDermott and said he had also received some sage advice from an Australian bowling great.

"Pace is something that comes pretty naturally to me, I don't run in a try and bowl really fast, I just run in and try and bowl a nice line and length," he said.

"One of the greatest fast bowlers of all time, Glenn McGrath, he had a chat with me the other day and said that's all you have to worry about, the pace will take care of itself."

With Pattinson working as a unit with Peter Siddle and Ben Hilfenhaus, Australia have put the shackles on India's world class batting line-up in the five days of action so far in the series.

Tamim's ugly act

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innings when umpire Anisur Rahman responded to the appeal from bowler Shakib Al Hasan to declare Faisal Hossain leg-before-wicket.

While Faisal was standing at the wicket asking the umpire about his decision, Badal started shouting from the dressing room asking the batsman to leave the field. Ashrafal immediately asked the umpire to look at the matter which brought Tamim into the ugly scene.

"It's not true that I went there to assault him physically. I can't even imagine that. I was aggressive in my approach while protesting one of his comments. I asked Ashrafal bhai to play

the game but he used abusive words for which I got angry. "Being a senior cricketer he should also know what should be done but after the match I apologised to him. I have a very good relationship with Ashrafal bhai and I believe it will continue because everything is finished after the match," said Tamim.

Ashrafal, on his part in the incident, said that Tamim refused to apologise on the field, but did so at the end of the game.

"Tamim ran to me when I asked the umpire to look at Victoria's official who was using abusive language. Shakib asked him (Tamim) to say sorry but he refused to do so though later he apologised. I think everything is finished after the match," said Ashrafal.

Shakib slays

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Hossain and Talha Jubair took three wickets each.

BRIEF SCORES VICTORIA: 134-8 in 23 overs (Jahurul 29, Shehzad 27; Faisal 3-36, Zohaib 2-18).

OLD DOHS: 113 all out in 21.1 overs (Nasir 40, Ziaur 19; Shakib 4-27, Mosharraf 3-12). Result: Victoria won by 21 runs. CCS: 163-7 in 22 overs (Atiqur 59, Tasamul 20; Shaker 2-29, Razzak 2-40). BROTHERS UNION: 106 all out in 20.3 overs (Aqeel 39, Nafees 18; Robiul 4-29). Result: CCS won by 63 runs (by D/L method). KALABAGAN: 199-9 in 44 overs (Abid 87, Rifat 46; Taskin 5-21). BIMAN: 163 all out in 42.1 overs (Faisal 52, Junaed 14; Shahadat 3-28, Talha 3-33). Result: Kalabagan won by 36 runs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 21 mins and a solution key at the bottom.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers. Includes the clue: 'Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I NEEDED TO HAVE ALL PEOPLE PRESENT TIE THEIR SHOES AT ONCE, SO I YELLED "LACES, EVERYONE!" Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals T



Former and current cricketers including Mohammad Ashrafal (2nd from R), Shakib Al Hasan (4th from R) and Khaled Masud (5th from L) pose for a photo at the launch of the Clemon Cricket Manual written by batting coach Mohammad Salahuddin (C) at the Bashundhara Shopping Centre yesterday.