

1964 – THREE INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

On the 15th of April the Australian team touring England played a one day friendly at the Oval. The chronicler found it simply magical watching the Australians such as O'Neill, Burge, Hawke, Cowper, Lawry et al practice on the green in front of the dressing room.

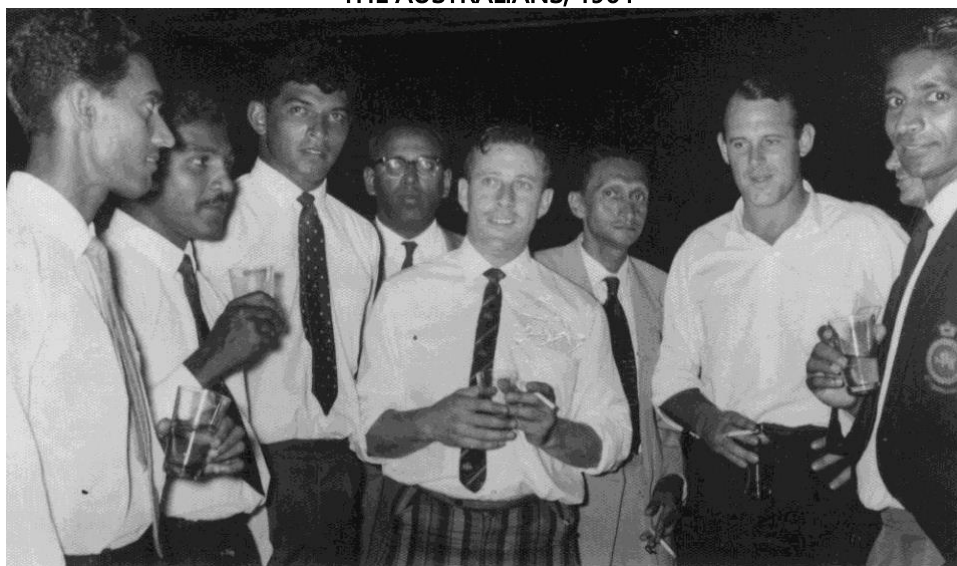
Norm ascendant

Norman O'Neill was a nervous starter and inconsistent. He tended to open out too early and be chest on.

But in 1964 his place in the team wasn't in jeopardy. Frank Worrell writing in the newspapers rated him just below Sobers.

When O'Neill drove Darrell through the covers in a one-day game played at the Oval on 15th April, he was all class. It happened in a flash. Yet even the umpire thought that he was a goner when Darrell delivered a typical late inswinger.

THE AUSTRALIANS, 1964



L to R: Anurudha Poloniwita, Norton Frederick, Darrell Lieversz, Sathi Coomaraswamy, Johnny Martin, an official from Ceylon Board of Control, Norman O'Neil, Michael Tissera (hidden), H.I.K Fernando .

O'Neill didn't have good tour of the Windies in 1965. But his remarks about Griffith's bowling action was probably his downfall.

At the end of 1965 a nineteen-year-old upstart from Dungog, who attended the same school as the chronicler's wife to be, was knocking on the door. The chronicler initially resented Doug Walters for replacing his hero but changed his mind after he scored successive centuries.

O'Neill had a great Sheffield Shield season while the Aussies were being hammered in South Africa in 1966-67. He was expected to return to the national side. But he retired due to an arthritic condition, which had affected his knees.

No one could play off the back foot as good as him. O'Neill was one of the most talented and gifted batsman Australia has ever produced. He played shots that the average batsman couldn't even contemplate. Cricket was robbed by his inability to come good on his promise.

As much as the chronicler is grateful for batsmen such as Smith and Labuschagne, they cannot hold a candle to O'Neill. But modern-day cricketers are professional. They are obsessed with batting and practice incessantly. O'Neill was of a different era where cricketers were more relaxed and cavalier in their approach to the game.

Smith and Labuschagne are ugly to watch. O'Neill looked good walking into bat and even getting out. He was an aesthetically immaculate batsman.

Darrell breaks Pakistan's heart

This was Ceylon's first international and Darrell played a prominent part in it. He captured 5 for 40 in the first innings (off 17 overs) and 4 for 28 (off 18.4 overs) in the second. Ceylon scored 152 and 137. Pakistan made 99 and 149. (The Ceylon team was led by a 25-year-old Thomian and had five other Thomians in it.) This reflects how dominant STC was in the Royal-Thomians of the late fifties abetted by consistently winning the toss.

The sole Royalist in the team was the only one capable of breaking the stranglehold the Thomians had on the Royal-Thomian. He would have done so in 1962 if he had won the toss.

The game was played at the P. Saravanamuttu Oval on 28, 29, 30 August. The umpires were M.A. Jayasinghe and J.M.C. Jayasinghe.

Pakistanis no pushover in tomorrow's 'Test Match'

By EUSTACE RULACH—reporting from Asgiriya

EVERYTHING points out to an entertaining game of cricket in the Four-Day Unofficial Test Match between Pakistan and Ceylon at The Oval tomorrow. The Pakistanis, after their easy nine-wicket victory over Up-country yesterday, will be going into the Test with the purpose of winning and playing entertaining cricket too.

PAKISTAN SKIPPER IMTIAZ HAS PROMISED US ATTRACTIVE CRICKET AND WITH HIS TALENT, BOTH AS A CAPTAIN AND AN AGGRESSIVE BATSMAN, HE SHOULD KEEP IT.

The Pakistan cricketers are "no pushover" even though the youthful Ceylonese team beat them last week-end. Skipper Tissera and his men have a fight on their hands. They will have to give of their best if success is to be achieved again.

Test class

Ceylon batsmen will be up against two bowlers of Test Class in wrist spinner Intikhab Alam and fast bowler Hamid. Alam was given a long workout on the Asgiriya turf. He bowled 28 overs in the match and ended with a bag of twelve wickets. None of Up-country batsmen were happy against him. They could not stop his googly at all. Hamid was rested for the Test and on the fast Oval pitch should make the ball fly to worry the batsmen as he did last week-end. If he concentrates on length, he will be the biggest threat to Ceylon.

Our batsmen will also have to worry about opening bowler Iqbal, who is more dangerous than his figures indicate in both matches. He can make the ball to move off the pitch either way and will need plenty of watching. Off-spinner Hassan found his best form yesterday to capture three wickets and there is also "seamer" Mian and left-arm bowler Sajjad to support the pacemen.

The Pakistanis are a keen bunch of cricketers. Yesterday, while they waited for the turf to dry after the rain, Imtiaz sharpened their fielding by giving his team mates a long fielding session. He also got in some useful batting practice doing so and showed that he could still hit the ball with plenty of power.

Imtiaz was full of smiles at the impressive form of batsman Abbas. Wicket-keeper Kardir's batting and keeping should help him find a place while Test batsman Burki who did not get batting practice yesterday, has

experience and talent to get a big score in the Test.

Vital factor

Pakistan's fielding was impressive, particularly their close-in fieldsmen who snapped up anything that was put in the air. Fielding is the most important factor in this four-day match and Ceylon will have to hold on to all the catches if they hope to get Pakistan out for a reasonable total.

Ceylon has variety of bowling without real pace. There are seam bowlers Lieversz and Peiris to open the attack and keep the batsmen in check with a nagging length, off-spinner Fuard and Chamugam, left-arm bowler Polonowita and right-arm leg-spinner Tissera. They will have to concentrate on accuracy supported by good fielding, particularly close to the wicket. This is the first time that our cricketers will be experiencing a four-day match, and it will be a big test for them.

As for Ceylon's batting, openers Edward and Ponniah will have to stay there long enough to take the sting out of Hamid and Iqbal. This is no easy task and they will need plenty of guts to achieve it. Edward has had a long look at the Pakistan attack and should try to get as much of the strike as possible, as Ponniah will be up against them for the first time.

Skipper Tissera and Reid have been batting well to provide Ceylon with many runs and so have Peiris and Fuard, who should boost our middle batting. Wicket-keeper Fernando has the experience to help his batting while Chamugam, Devaraj and Polonowita are capable of useful scores.

Flopped

Yesterday, the Pakistanis quite sportingly agreed to carry on with the game on a matting wicket after rains had ruined the Asgiriya Turf. Play began after lunch and the Up-country players went for a bang at the bowling, but flopped again to score 128. Marasinghe had a torrid time against off-spinner Hassan, but survived some close calls to be last out with 61 runs which included 9 fours. Most of

the batsmen had a go at Alam but did not last long. Alam finished with 5 for 76, while Hassan captured 3 for 82.

The Pakistanis were left with 68 for victory. They went about it quietly to get it for the loss of one wicket.

Memons to fete Pakistan team

The Memon Association of Ceylon will fete the Pakistan cricket team today at 6 p.m. at the Association hall at 183, Old Moor Street, Colombo, this evening.

THE TEAMS

The following are the teams—

PAKISTAN (from) Imtiaz Ahmad (Capt.), Intikhab Alam, Fakir Aizazuddin, Asif Iqbal, Feroz Khan, Mian, Saad, Kardir, Arif Butt, Gulam Abbas, Javed Burki, Pervez Shajjad.

ALL CEYLON: M. Tissera

(Capt.), H. I. K. Fernando; P. I. Peries, Abu Fuard, A. Polonowita, T. C. T. Edward, N. Chamugam, B. C. Reid, D. V. L. Jayasinghe, C. E. L. Ponniah, M. Devaraj; 12th man, D. Heyn. Reserve: M. L. Idroos.



THE Ceylon team at practice yesterday on the S.S.C. grounds, left to right:—N. Channugam, A. Polonowita, D. Heyn, T. C. T. Edward, D. Lievears and C. E. M. Ponniah

Fine cricket assured at the Oval tomorrow

Pakistan should show improved form

AFTER a lapse of 15 years Ceylon meets Pakistan here in an unofficial Test of four days duration on the Colombo Oval commencing tomorrow and continued on the three following days, in between Ceylon visited Pakistan when S. S. Jayawickreme captained the side in 1950.



M. TISSERA will lead the Ceylon team

Ceylon has the opportunity of ending these unofficial games once and for all, and receiving official Test match status by good performances in the game starting tomorrow as well as those being played later in the year against India.

Fine performance

Tissera, captain elect of All Ceylon, performed magnificently when he led the Board of Control President's XI to an eight-wicket victory last Sunday afternoon in

the three-day match the first played by the visitors. The success of the Ceylon side were the captain, himself as batsman, P. I. Peries as all-rounder, Fredrick and Dias as pace bowlers and Edward as opening batsman with B. G. Reid at number three. The others too contributed in varying degree, Pundariket, C. E. Reid, D. Heyn, and Lionel Fernando; so that this victory could be put down to solid teamwork rather than individual brilliance. The feeling in particular was of a high standard in only two direct catches were dropped.

The Ceylon team's lead was only 19 runs on the first innings so that the match virtually resolved itself into a single innings tussle. It was here the visitors were completely outplayed. Their dismissal for 112 in the second innings was the result of clever bowling, brilliant fielding and above all astute leadership. The 64 runs needed for victory had to be earned the hard way, most of the credit for having done so must be given to C. E. Reid and Edward who stayed together for almost an hour and a half while they put on 45 runs. In the process both batsmen had to play first class fast bowling from Hamid while in-cluded a liberal dose of bumpers three-fores, controlled medium fast bowlers.

Matches could easily adjust the style of the first match to suit this game, while the youngest Abbas showed he could give the opportunity concentrate for hours on end.

Opening stand

This Ceylon team is stronger than the President's XI in batting, much however will depend on a sound opening stand. Edward has already had a good look at Pakistan's bowling and Ponniah's sound technique should enable him to combat the early sevens.



IMTIAZ AHMED will lead the Pakistan team

The visitors are not to be judged too harshly by this defeat. They had arrived only the previous day. And without taking more consideration the condition of the wicket, there may have been other factors that might have affected them.

Final match

This game, which is the final match of the visitors short tour will provide our cricket fans with a Test in every sense of the word.

Pakistan could at the most make three changes for the Test and will be all probability bring in their seventh Test player Aftab Butt, the ex-captain of the captain Imtiaz Ahmed, Imtiaz Alam, Javed Burki, Akmaluddin, Hanifuddin, Hassan and Farooq Hamid.

The team failed twice to batting against the President's XI. Could they be expected to do so again? Only superlative fielding and very good bowling could make this possible. Fortunately for Ceylon, there is hardly a weak link in the field while it will be interesting to see how the new bowling combination will work.

The chief danger to Ceylon's attack will be the swashbuckling type of batting from Imtiaz Alam as if he repeats what he did



Ghulam Abbas

B. G. Reid played the true-man-like Farooq with assurance on Sunday. In fact the Pakistani fast-bowler who gave promise of developing into one of the game's most colourful characters, did Ceylon a good turn when he unleashed a couple of bumpers at B. G. Reid. This angered the normally placid and peaceful Reid into bringing the book into play. But only did the stroke bring runs but it quickly put Reid at ease and in the mood to dominate. A frame of mind this fine batsman should always be in, but as Farooq proved, needs a shock to enter.

Tissera, like Edward had a good look at Pakistan's bowling and should score like P. I. Peries who in the last match showed how much better an all-rounder he is in the game of longer duration.

P. I. K. Fernando will probably be in at number six. If he could reproduce his best batting form it would be the lower half a world of good, these would be

Good: Channugam, Deyward, Polonowita and Lievears "negligible" of useful scores. Pakistan's most dangerous bowlers should be Farooq Hamid (fast) Imtiaz and Butt (fast medium) Imtiaz Alam (spin) and Pundariket (left-hand slow).

Ceylon's chief bowlers will be Lievears and Peries (medium) Pundariket and Channugam (left-hand slow).

If it is necessary Tissera could bowl some leg-spin. He bowled a few accurate overs on Saturday, troubling Abbas more than any other bowler. Reid could also bowl a few overs of useful seamers.

The fielding of both teams will be very keen, with Ceylon having a distinct advantage in wicket-keeping. Here if J. K. Fernando who is without a post will be doing duty as wicket-keeper.



Imtiaz Alam



Javed Burki

earlier Abbas strategy and Imtiaz Alam's batting. Both cannot be expected to repeat, while Akmaluddin, Imtiaz Alam and Reid are probable batsmen are all accustomed to three and four-day



ALSO having their final work-out were (left to right): Abu Fuard, B. Reid, M. Idroos and H. I. K. Fernando.

Who's who of the teams

CEYLON

M. TISSERA (Capt.): Ceylon's most accomplished batsman, useful leg-spinner, safe field and an astute leader.

H. I. K. FERNANDO: Finest wicket-keeper in the island and an aggressive batsman.

P. I. PEIRIS: Cambridge 'Blue' and the best all-rounder in the team.

ABU FUARD: Off-spinner with a deceptive flight. Sound batsman who has opened for Ceylon and safe field.

A. POLONOVITA: The leading slow left-hander in Ceylon, a brilliant in-field and a batsman who attacks.

T. C. T. EDWARD: Ceylon's best opening batsman and a very good field.

N. CHANMUGAM: Aggressive batsman, off-spinner and a brilliant field.

B. G. REID: Accomplished batsman, excellent field and useful seamer.

D. W. L. LIEVERS: Opening inswerve bowler, good field and useful bat.

C. E. M. PONNIAH: Sound right-hand opening bat and safe field.

M. DEVARAJ: Brilliant all-round fieldsman, fair batsman and change bowler.

12th Man: D. HEYN: Brilliant field and attacking left-hand bat.

Reserve: M. L. IDROOS: Attractive batsman, very good field and clever leg-spinner.

PAKISTAN

The following is the who's who

IMTIAZ AHMAD (Capt.): The most experienced cricketer in the team, he has represented Pakistan in 41 Tests. His highest Test score is 209 vs New Zealand while his career best is 300 not out for the President's team vs the Commonwealth. A sound opening bat with a wide range of strokes, he is making his third tour of Ceylon.

INTIKAB ALAM (vice-Capt.): Bats and bowls right-hand and is a fine field in the slips. A quickish, wristy spinner who bowls more top-spinners than leg-breaks on firm wickets. Alam has a deadly googly as well.

JAVED BURKI: Right-hand batsman with a number of scoring strokes, the old Oxford 'Blue' bowls medium fast. He is a good field and captained Pakistan in England in 1962.

FAROOQ HAMID: Right-hand fast bowler who moves

the ball either way and uses the bumper in local games. He is an entertaining character and a good field. Test player.

FAKIR AIZAZUDDIN: Another Test player, is an experienced opening batsman and a leg-spin bowler.

MASOODUL HASAN: A dashing right-hand batsman and a clever off-spinner. He is a Test player.

ARIF BUTT: Also a Test player he bowls right-hand fast medium and is a dashing batsman.

BASHIR MIAN: Aggressive right-hand bat, medium-pace bowler and a good field.

MOHAMED ILYAS: Attacking right-hand batsman and leg-spinner.

SHAFQUAT RANA: Attractive right-hand batsman and an excellent fieldsman.

GHULAM ABBAS: Left-handed, bats with the assurance and ability of a great player although only 17 years of age.

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CEYLON – PAKISTAN TEAMS, 1964



Back Row: M Razick (Pak), M Illyas (Pak), Neil Chanmugam (Cey), S. Rana (Pak), P Sajjaad (Pak), Trevlyn Edwards (Cey), Darrell Lieversz (Cey)

Middle Row: M L Idroos (Cey), A Polonowita (Cey), D Heyn (Cey), S Mian (Pak), Buddy Reid (Cey), A Butt (Pak), A Kadir (Pak), M Hassan (Pak), F Hamid (Pak), Mano Ponniah (Cey), S Deveraj (Cey), A Iqbal (Pak).

Seated: Majid Khan (Manager Pak), Ian Pieris (Cey), J Burki (Cey), H I K Fernando (Cey), Imtiaz Ahmed (Pak Capt), Robert Senanayake (Cey President), Michael Tissera (Cey Capt), Intikab Alam (Pak), Abu Fuard (Cey), F Aizzuzadeen (Pak), Nisal Seneratne (Cey Secretary)

On Ground: R Perera (Cey Scorer), Don Thomas (Cey Masseur), Gulam Abbas (Pak)

SCORECARD

Close of Play:			
Day 1: Ceylon 152, Pakistan 'A' 38/4 (? ?*)			
Day 2: Pakistan 'A' 99, Ceylon 137, Pakistan 'A' 27/2 (? ?*)			
Ceylon 1st innings			
TCT Edward	c Imtiaz Ahmed	b Asif Iqbal	17
CEM Ponniah	c Bashir Mian	b Intikhab Alam	26
BG Reid	c Bashir Mian	b Farooq Hamid	7
*MH Tissera	lbw	b Pervez Sajjad	33
CTM Devaraj	st Abdul Kadir	b Intikhab Alam	7
PI Pieris	c Javed Burki	b Intikhab Alam	0
+HIK Fernando	c Shafqat Rana	b Pervez Sajjad	31
N Chanmugam		b Pervez Sajjad	14
MAH Fuard	c Bashir Mian	b Intikhab Alam	3
A Polonowita	Not out		4
Darrell WL Liewersz	lbw	b Pervez Sajjad	1
Extras	b 3, lb 3, nb 3)		9
Total	All out, 79.4 overs		152

Fow: 1-33, 2-50, 3-53, 4-91, 5-91, 6-99, 7-130, 8-147, 9-151, 10-152.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Farooq Hamid	15	6	29	1
Asif Iqbal	8	2	15	1
Intikab Alam	30	13	51	4
Pervez Sajjad	26.4	10	48	4

Pakistan 'A' 1st innings			
FS Aizazuddin	lbw	b Liewersz	0
+Abdul Kadir	c Tissera	b. Pieris	27
Bashir Mian	c Ponniah	b Liewersz	0
Javed Burki	c Fernando	b Liewersz	22
Farooq Hamid	c Edward	b. Chanmugam	0
Ghulam Abbas	c Fuard	b Liewersz	1
*Imtiaz Ahmed		b Liewersz	4
Shafqat Rana	st Fernando	b Chanmugam	19
Intikhab Alam	lbw	b Chanmugam	9
Asif Iqbal	c Fuard	b Chanmugam	11
Pervez Sajjad	Not out		1
Extras	(b5)		5
Total	All out, 41.3 overs		99

Fow: 1-0, 2-0, 3-37, 4-38, 5-41, 6-45, 7-58, 8-77, 9-94, 10-99.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Liewersz	17	8	40	5
Pieris	10	3	26	1
Fuard	2	2	0	0
Chanmugam	12.3	4	28	4

Ceylon 2 nd innings			
TCT Edward	lbw	b Intikhab Alam	20
CEM Ponniah		b Asif Iqbal	2
BG Reid		b Intikhab Alam	20
*MH Tissera	lbw	b Intikhab Alam	0
CTM Devaraj	st Abdul Kadir	b Pervez Sajjad	19
PI Pieris	c Intikhab Alam	b Pervez Sajjad	4
+HIK Fernando	lbw	b Intikhab Alam	1
N Chanmugam		b Intikhab Alam	13
MAH Fuard	Not out		11
A Polonowita		b Intikhab Alam	19
Darrell WL Lieversz		b Intikhab Alam	0
Extras	(b 12, lb 12, nb 4)		28
Total	All out, 57.3 overs		137

FoW: 1-19, 2-60, 3-60, 4-66, 5-71, 6-72, 7-97, 8-112, 9-133, 10-137.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Farooq Hamid	9	4	17	0
Asif Iqbal	6	2	15	1
Intikab Alam	22.3	9	41	7
Pervez Sajjad	20	8	36	2

Pakistan 'A' 2nd innings			
FS Aizazuddin	lbw	b Pieris	1
+Abdul Kadir		b. Lieversz	9
Bashir Mian	st Fernando	b Lieversz	8
Javed Burki	lbw	b Lieversz	62
Farooq Hamid	Not out	b. Chanmugam	12
Ghulam Abbas	lbw	b Polonowita	1
*Imtiaz Ahmed	C Devaraj	b Lieversz	4
Shafqat Rana	lbw	b Polonowita	16
Intikhab Alam	lbw	b Polonowita	14
Asif Iqbal	c Reid	b Chanmugam	12
Pervez Sajjad	C Devaraj	b. Fuard	6
Extras	(b 10, lb 4)		14
Total	All out, 66.4 overs		149

FoW: 1-25, 2-25, 3-27, 4-102, 5-111, 6-125, 7-129, 8-149, 9-149, 10-149.

Bowling	O	M	R	W	
Lieversz	18.4	7	28	4	
Pieris	15	7	35	1	
Fuard	4	1	8	1	
Chanmugam		13	6	19	1
Polonowita	16	6	45	3	

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Honours even in Test

Ceylon 152; Pakistan 38/4

BATTING first against Pakistan. In the only Test of the visitors' present tour, and that, too, an unofficial game, Ceylon could only make 152 in the first innings on the Oval yesterday, the first of the four-day fixture. But they retrieved their position somewhat when they dismissed four Pakistan batsmen for 38.

The teams were introduced to the Governor-General before play started.

The stands were half-empty when play commenced, but filled up during the day and at the close were about three-quarters full.

The weather was slow when play started, but the tennis court and did not play completely true at any stage. From mid-day

Fielding reaches a very high standard

all the Ceylon innings ended at 4.15 p.m. the pitch was receptive to spin. And for about an hour after lunch it was difficult to see up after the heavy roller was put on before Pakistan batted.

Only 100 runs were made in six hours' play for the loss of 14 wickets off 99.3 overs with the Ceylon captain Tissera's 30 as the highest individual effort. Left-hander Inikshab Alam and slow left-hander Shajjad, who shared eight wickets, found the conditions to their liking and exploited them fully. Shajjad came on at the scoreboard end at 12 noon and bowled non-stop till the innings ended with only the breaks for lunch and tea.

Dangerous

Both looked equally dangerous. Inikshab Alam mixing leg-breaks, top-spinners and googlies in a pleasing manner, while Shajjad, an orthodox left-hander, varied his pace length and break to confuse the batsman.



P. SHAJJAD

Every Ceylon batsman looked vulnerable opposed to them, although Edward, Ponniah, Tissera, H. I. K. Fernando and Channugam met with some measure of success. Channugam made a brave effort to hit his way out of trouble, but was bowled by a ball that kept low.

Fielding

When Pakistan batted with 80 minutes left for play, Lievers, who opened from the tennis court end, sent back Fakir Ahmaduddin I.S.W. and had Alan well taken by Ponniah at forward short leg, both in his first over. Ahmaduddin was out to the fourth ball and Alan to the last.

The fielding reached a very high standard with neither side making a catch. Kadir kept wickets competently while, H. I.

K. Fernando, the Ceylon stumper, turned in a polished display.

The sun was obscured by clouds, but it shone a while later when the brothers Jayasinghe, M.A. and J.M.C. walked out with the Pakistan team following them. Edward and Ponniah opened, Edward facing a maiden from Hamid who operated from the tennis court end. Ponniah dismissed into a flying ball from Inikshab, the third of his first over, at the other end. Fortunately the injury was not serious and the batsman was able to continue after attention. Edward off-broke Hamid in his second over for three, to collect the first runs for the day.

Ponniah was obviously feeling the effects of the blow, and Edward wisely shielded him from Hamid. Runs came very quietly.

A bumper

Edward hooked a Hamid bumper in his third over to send 10 up, all made by him.

After some singles by both, Ponniah was now settling down. Edward again took a four off Hamid to make the total 20 completed in 40 minutes.

The first change saw Alan brought in for Inikshab at the temple court end. Ponniah out Inikshab for a four and 30 went up made in 55 minutes.

Shortly afterwards Edward was out. Attempting to force Inikshab to leg, he lofted the ball to square leg, where Inikshab, the Pakistan captain, diving forward, fielded the catch.

Reid in

Edward hit two fours and three 3s.

Ponniah faced Hamid for the first time when he relieved Inikshab at the temple court end after play had been in progress for 75 minutes, and 43 runs had been scored.

Hamid bowled to two forward short-legs and a silly-point, but Ponniah cut him confidently for three off the last ball.

Reid who had come in at No. 10, looked in form, minding the ball from the gallery. A drive off Hamid for two sent 50 up, made in 10 minutes. Alan, who was in for half an hour, failed to open his account. Alan bowled the first over, a maiden from the tennis court end to Ponniah after lunch. Shajjad did likewise at the opposite end to Tissera, but in Alan's over over Ponniah playing back, snicked a catch which Alan

snapped up at second slip. The score was still 33.

With Devaraj in, Tissera opened his account after batting 45 minutes with a two to leg. Alan had at this stage bowled 18 overs for 10 runs and a wicket.

Two fours

Tissera then took two fours off Shajjad, one to mid-wicket and the next a cut. Tissera was low in form and runs came faster. But at 91 when the partnership was worth 38 runs Devaraj was caught at the wicket off Alan. He was the fourth batsman out. Ponniah was out at the same score, also an Alan victim. His intended drive, landing in Hamid's hands at cover.

H. I. K. Fernando was in next ball at 99. Tissera was out, trapped lbw, by Shajjad. Tissera batted 115 minutes and hit three 4s.

Channugam and Fernando then figured in the brightest batting of the innings when they added 34 runs in even time.



D. W. LIEVERS

when Channugam was bowled at 125. Tea was taken two runs later after Furd came in.

Fernando and Furd added 17 runs for the eighth wicket when Fernando who found touch early and used a wide range of strokes, was out to a brilliant catch by Alan at gully off Shajjad. Alan left the field earlier, however.

Ceylon out

Polonowita cut-drive the best stroke of the day, saw 150 on the board, but Furd and Lievers were out at 151 and 162, the last at 4.15 p.m. The 152 runs were obtained in 270 minutes.

Pakistan batted at 4.20 p.m. and at the end of Lievers's over were two wickets down with 50 runs scored.



MIAN (Pakistan) is well taken by Ponniah, at forward short leg, off the bowling of Lievers for no score.

Thang Kadir, one of the openers, and Burki adopted grim defensive measures. Kadir in particular using his pad as his first line of defence whenever possible. The first run came in Ponniah's second over.

At 4.40 p.m. an appeal against the light was disallowed.

When six overs had been bowled, the total was two, each bowler conceding one run.

The 10 came up in 32 minutes when Kadir drove for three. After this both made runs off Ponniah. In Lievers's sixth over Kadir over-drove for four and two overs later Lievers made, way for Ponniah who had been relieved by Furd.

At 27 Kadir who had just hit Ponniah for a four, was well trapped by the bowler and Tissera took the catch. Kadir was then out and hit four 4s and three 3s.

Burki was joined by Hamid as night watchmen. But Hamid could not resist the temptation to have a bang, and was taken by Edward off Channugam who had relieved Furd. The match will be continued at 10.30 a.m. today.

THE TEST SCORES

All-Ceylon—1st Ins.

F. C. F. EDWARD, c Inikshab	17
P. SHAJJAD	17
H. I. K. FERNANDO, c Hamid	31
B. G. REID, c Alan	1
M. TISSERA, lbw, b Shajjad	32
M. DEVARAJ, c Kadir, b Alan	1
P. L. PERERA, c Burki, b Alan	0
H. I. K. FERNANDO, c Hamid, b Shajjad	31
N. CHANNUGAM, b Shajjad	14
A. TISSERA, c Mian, b Shajjad	3
A. POLONOWITA, not out	4
D. W. LIEVERS, lbw, b Shajjad	1
EXTRAS	9
TOTAL	152

FALL OF WICKETS: 32, 36, 52, 91, 91, 99, 130, 147, 151, 152.

BOWLING: Furd 19—0—1, 1st Inikshab 19—1—1, Inikshab Alam 30—13—31—4, Ponniah Shajjad 23—10—45—4.

Pakistan—1st Ins.

ABDUL KADIR, c Tissera, b Ponniah	27
FAKIR AHMADUDDIN, lbw, b Lievers	0
USHIB MIAN, c Ponniah, b Lievers	0
JAVED BURKI, not out	0
FARDOQ HAMID, c Edward, b Channugam	0
EXTRAS	2
TOTAL (for 3 wks.)	58

FALL OF WICKETS: 0, 0, 37 and 37.

BOWLING: D. W. L. Lievers 8—1—0—2, P. L. Perera 8—0—2—1, and Furd 2—0—0—0, N. Channugam 14—1—1—1.



M. DEVARAJ (left) is out stumped by Kadir off the bowling of Alam (Pakistan) in the Test match between Ceylon and Pakistan played on the Oval yesterday. (Right) Neil Channugam bowled by Sajjad for 14.

CEYLON SHOT OUT FOR 152: PAKISTAN 38 FOR 4

(BY WRONG 'UN)
A SENSATIONAL OPENING OVER BY SWING BOWLER D. W. L. LIEVERSZ, WHO CLAIMED TWO VITAL WICKETS, PUT CEYLON BACK IN THE FIGHT AT THE CLOSE OF PLAY ON THE FIRST DAY IN THE UNOFFICIAL TEST AGAINST PAKISTAN AT THE COLOMBO OVAL YESTERDAY EVENING.

In a game of fluctuating fortunes, Ceylon failed to build up a total good enough for a four-day match and were shot out for 152 runs purely because of their inability to master the spin bowling of Test leg-break googly bowler, Intikhab Alam and left-arm spinner, Purvez Sajjad.

Pakistan, however, did no better, losing four wickets for 38 runs at the close. This time it was pace bowler D. W. L. Lieversz, who put Ceylon in a commanding position. Both Faqir Aizzuddin, a Cambridge trialist, and Bushir Mian were dismissed in the fourth and last ball respectively of Lieversz's first over.

The wicket prepared to last the four days acted peculiarly. Up to the lunch break it was easy paced helping neither spin or pace, but as the sun came on it turned out to help spinners. This was exploited by Intikhab Alam and Sajjad, who bowled unchanged for long sustained spells.

Pakistan gave a much improved display of fielding; fielders backed their bowlers to the hilt. Run-getting was extremely difficult as Imtiaz Ahmed, the skipper, applied pressure by bowling Farook Hamid. Pakistan's fastest bowler and Asif Iqbal, a pace bowler of great promise. The stands were half empty when Edward and Ponniah went to take the strike but as the continued the crowd increased to about 2,000 spectators. Imtiaz Ahmed, who is taking this Test in all seriousness requested to the umpires before the start of the match to have the wicket covered in case of overnight rain.

Although the opening pace bowlers Farook Hamid and Asif Iqbal, did not make any impression on the placed wicket, the occasional ball popped up dangerously. Ceylon suffered the first setback when C. E. M. Ponniah was hit in the cheek when he attempted to duck a well-placed rising ball.

Trickle of runs

Despite this accident Ponniah batted undauntedly for his 26 runs, scored with two boundaries. Runs trickled in slowly, with the first 30 coming up in 55 minutes. Edward was the more aggressive of the two and he hit the first four of the match.

With the entry of Tissara, Ceylon's hopes soared. Tissara did not let his supporters down. After a shaky start in which he took 40 minutes to get off the mark, Tissara, regained his confidence and entertained the crowd by some sparkling batmanship. He hit two successive boundaries off Sajjad's eighth over, but thereafter, with the spinners coming on, the pace slackened. His patient innings of 32 (three fours) came in 115 minutes of batting.

After Tissara was sent back to the pavilion by Sajjad, who hit him before-spinner skipper H. I. K. Fernando and off-spinner Neil Channugam accelerated the scoring rate. Channugam in particular was most aggressive, hitting Intikhab Alam, who upto that time dictated terms to the batsmen and Sajjad and scoring freely. The eighth wicket stand of 31 runs by Fernando and Channugam was the best stand of the match.

After 270 after

SCOREBOARD

CEYLON 1st Innings	
T. C. T. EDWARD c	
Imtiaz Ahmed b	
Asif Iqbal	17
C. E. M. PONNIAH c	
Bushir Mian b	
Intikhab Alam	26
B. G. REID c Bushir	
Mian b Farook Hamid	7
M. TISSERA lbw b	
Purvez Sajjad	33
M. DEVARAJ c Kadir	7
P. I. PERIS c Jawed	
Burki b Intikhab	
Alam	0
H. I. K. FERNANDO c	
Shafiq Raza b	
Purvez Sajjad	31
N. CHANNUGAM b	
Purvez Sajjad	14
ABU FUARD c Bushir	
Mian b Intikhab	
Alam	3
A. POLONOWITA	
not out	4
D. W. L. LIEVERSZ lbw	
b Purvez Sajjad	9
EXTRAS	
TOTAL	152

FALL: 31, 50, 53, 91, 91
90, 130, 147, 152.
BOWLING: Farook Hamid
15-4-28-1, Asif Iqbal 8-2-
13-1, Intikhab Alam 30-13
51-4, Purvez Sajjad 26-10-
40-7.

PAKISTAN 1st Innings	
FAQIR AIZZUDDIN lbw	
b Lieversz	0
ABDUL KADIR c	
Tissara b Peris	27
BUSHIR MIAN c	
Ponniah b Lieversz	0
JAWED BURKI not out	0
FAROOK HAMID c	
Edward b Channugam	0
EXTRAS	
TOTAL for 4	
wickets at close	38

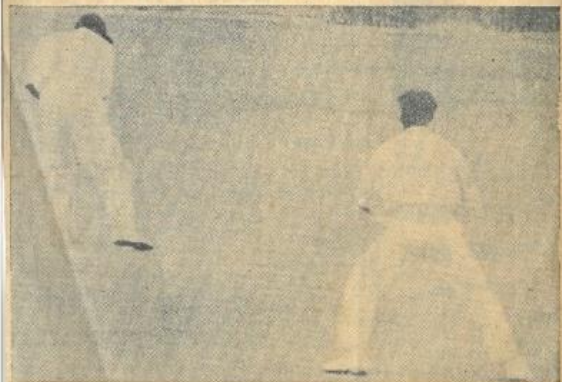
FALL: 0, 0, 37, 38.
BOWLING: D. W. L. Lieversz 8-4-16-2, P. I. Peris 8-2-25-1, Abu Fuard 3-2-0-0, N. Channugam 1-4-1-1.

On pitch playing easy, Pakistan need 164 to win—two out

MATCH WITH OUR BOWLERS



GOOD CATCH — M. Devaraj and H. I. K. Fernando are shown and run to congratulate Abu Fuard who caught Abbas at first slip — (Pictures by NEIL MOSES)



CLEAN BOWLED — Pakistan captain Imtiaz Ahmed beaten by Darrell Lievers after hitting a four in the earlier ball.

THE Ceylon batsmen disappointed and the stranglehold that Ceylon had on the Pakistanis has been relaxed. So it is up to the bowlers and fieldsmen today to bring victory to Ceylon in an unofficial Test for the first time ever. But this will not be an easy task as the Pakistan target is 164 runs with eight wickets in hand with the pitch playing very easy.

When Ceylon led by 53 runs on the first innings, thanks to some inspired bowling by Lieversz and Chanmugam, it was up to the batsmen to consolidate this position. They were given a great start with 60 for 1. But they flopped and have left it to their bowlers to get Pakistan out cheaply again this morning.

TEST bowler Intikhab Alam has been the Ceylon batsmen's biggest fly on this visit. He turned out to be the cause of the Ceylon collapse after a rain and hustled them out for 127. On a wicket that had eased up, considerably, he bowled with accuracy to worry all the batsmen. His wrist-spin and quicker ball had the Ceylon batsmen all at sea and he tore through the middle batting to finish with the remarkable figures of 7 for 41 and a match bag of 12 wickets. Sajjad also worried the batsmen with his flight and spin to capture 5 for 36.

OF the Ceylon batsmen there was only Edward, Buddy Reid and Polonowita who made some runs. Both skipper Tissera and H. I. K. Fernando disappointed being out to Alam's faster ball and starting the collapse that did not stop.

EARLY BREAK

MEDIUM pace seamer bowlers Lieversz and Parris have a tough task ahead of them this morning. They will have to maintain their accuracy which has been the feature of their bowling in this game and Ceylon will hope for an early break-through to stay on top.

LIEVERSZ bowled exceptionally well in the first innings and also when Pakistan batted again. In the first he captured two wickets in an over twice and wound up with the impressive figures of 5 for 40.

He was mainly responsible for the Pakistan collapse for only 99 and continued the slide yesterday morning when he had Abbas and skipper Imtiaz out in one over. Abbas fell to a good catch by Fuard at first slip as Lieversz's outswinger found a thin edge, and Imtiaz was beaten neck and trap to a run out.

TO support the Ceylon seamers this morning are off-spinners Chanmugam and Abu Fuard and left-arm bowler Polonowita. Chanmugam flitted the ball well in the first innings to capture four wickets but he will have to tighten up on his accuracy as Ceylon has very little runs to play about.

HOLD THEM

FUARD and Polonowita will also have to concentrate on a length on a wicket which may not help them much. There is also Ian Parris whose inswinger has been a worry to the Pakistan batsmen.

THE bowling will have to be supported by good fielding and Ceylon will have to hold the catches the way Buddy Reid held a brilliant one at mid-on to dismiss Iqbal who attempted to pull Chanmugam to leg.

THE Pakistan batsmen to come this morning are Abbas, Burki and Imtiaz and none of them impressed in the first innings. Burki however has a good look at the bowling for 163 minutes for his 15 runs. There is also Rana and Alam who like to have a bang at the bowling and can be dangerous. The match will be continued at 10.30 a.m. today.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY—Scattered thunder showers.

ALL-CEYLON: 1st Innings—152
PAKISTAN: 1st Innings
(Overnight 38-4)

JAVED BURKI, c H. I. K. Fernando, b Lieversz	22
GHULAM ABBAS, c Fuard, b Lieversz	1
IMTIAZ AHMED, b Lieversz	4
SHAFKAT RANA, st H. I. K. Fernando, b Chanmugam	19
INTIKHAB ALAM, lbw, b Chanmugam	9
ASIF IQBAL, c Fuard, b Chanmugam	11
PURVES SAJJAD, not out	5
Extras	5
Total	99

Wickets fell at (fifth): 41, 45, 58, 77, 94

BOWLING

DARRELL LIEVERSZ	17-8-40-5
P. IAN PARRIS	10-3-25-1
ABU FUARD	2-2-5-0
NEIL CHANMUGAM	12-2-4-35-4

ALL-CEYLON 2ND Innings

C. E. M. PONNIAH, b Asif Iqbal	2
T. C. T. EDWARD, lbw, b Alam	20
BUDDY REID, b Alam	0
MICHAEL TISSERA, lbw, b Alam	19
M. DEVARAJ, st, Khadir, b Sajjad	19
P. IAN PARRIS, c Alam, b Sajjad	4
H. I. K. FERNANDO, lbw, b Alam	1
NEIL CHANMUGAM, b Alam	14
ABU FUARD, not out	11
A. POLONOWITA, b Alam	19
DARRELL LIEVERSZ, b Alam	0
Extras	27

TOTAL

Wickets fell at 19, 60, 60, 64, 71, 72, 86, 112, 137.

BOWLING

FAROOK HAMID	9-4-17-0
ASIF IQBAL	6-2-15-1
INTIKHAB ALAM	22-3-5-11-7
PURVES SAJJAD	26-8-36-2

PAKISTAN 2nd Innings

FAUQIR AIZZUDDIN, lbw, b P. I. Parris	1
ABDUL KHADIR, not out	9
ASIF IQBAL, c Reid, b Chanmugam	15
PURVES SAJJAD, not out	0
Extras	5

TOTAL (for 2 wickets)

Wickets fell at 1, 25.

BOWLING

P. I. PARRIS	5-0-8-3
DARRELL LIEVERSZ	6-2-16-0
NEIL CHANMUGAM	4-2-5-1
A. POLONOWITA	7-1-0-0

PAKISTAN NEED

AT the close of the second day's play in the four-day Test on the Colombo Oval, Pakistan required 164 runs for victory with eight wickets standing.

Three bowling feats of exceptional merit featured yesterday's play, Lieversz and Channugam in Pakistan's first innings and Alam in Ceylon's second.

The fielding of both teams was again very good, but it was also one long struggle for the batsmen.

Channugam completed his unfinished over to Abbas, the new batsman.

Burki faced a maiden from Lieversz operating from the tennis court end, none too comfortably.

Abbas made his first run off Channugam's next over with a push to the onside.

Maidens

Lieversz bowled another maiden, beating Abbas with his first delivery. The next two overs were also maidens without incident by Channugam and Lieversz.

Burki made the total 41 with a cut for two off Channugam. Abbas was well caught by Fuard off the third ball of Lieversz's fourth over, the score was 41 for five. Imtiaz cover drove the first ball, but was clean bowled by the last ball. The score was then 45-6-4.

Burki took three off Channugam and Rana who had followed Imtiaz scored two with a cut.

Burki pulled Lieversz for four to mid-wicket and then cover drove for another, to send the 50 up.

164 TO WIN

With 8 wickets standing

Channugam then bowled a maiden to Rana. Lieversz, with the first ball of his seventh over, dismissed the stubborn Burki who snicked an intended drive to H. I. K. Fernando, 58-7-22. Alam played down the rest of the over.

A cover drive

Rana with a cover-drive, off Channugam for four sent 60 up.

Lieversz gave away three runs in his next over and Channugam four—an on-drive by Alam.

Seventy followed soon after, but at 77 Channugam trapped Alam lbw with a ball that kept low.

Eight wickets were down and Alam had made nine.

Iqbal and Rana then added some much needed runs, including four off Lieversz and Channugam and 90 came up.

Lieversz changed

Lieversz was rested after an hour's bowling with an analysis of 9 overs four maidens 30 runs three wickets, Abbas, Imtiaz and Burki.

Pieris relieved Lieversz and at 94 Fernando stumped Rana for a well played 19 off Channugam.

Iqbal cover-drove Channugam for four but in the same over he was well taken by Fuard at slip with the score 99. The innings was over at 11.45 a.m. and Ceylon had obtained a 53 run lead on the first innings.

Ceylon bat

In 35 minutes before lunch Ponniah and Edward collected 18 runs, of which 16 were extras. The bowlers were Hamid, Iqbal and Alam.

Ponniah was bowled by Iqbal with a run added after lunch. And the 20 came up with a Hamid no ball.

Reid who came in at number three, found touch at once. He and Edward then proceeded to bat in attractive manner, scoring with well-timed strokes on either side of the wicket.

Edward helped the score to 40 with a straight drive for three. He had driven Iqbal to long-off for four in the same over.

Alam relieved Iqbal after half-an-hour's play. The 80 was

reached in 65 minutes, the quickest to date.

Hassan substituting for Abbas after lunch was fielding brilliantly.

Sajjad relieved Hamid and the scoring slowed down for a while, both bowlers pitching a dead length. Alam was unfortunate when Alam at slip failed to make a sharp catch off Reid.

Edward out

Edward pulled Alam for four and 90 was registered after 95 minutes' play. But he was out without any addition to the score lbw to Alam. He made 20 in a spirited display performing his task as opener exceptionally well. He hit three fours.

Tissera came in and played the rest of the over without scoring. Sajjad bowled a maiden to Reid and then Alam with the second ball of his next over trapped Tissera lbw. The batsman hit across and in addition the ball kept low 60-3-0.

Reid bowled

Devaraj was in next but at 66 Reid was bowled by Alam, and Peries came in.

Alam had again bowled Pakistan into the game with a vengeance. Top-spinners, leg-breaks and googlies all to a perfect length had the Ceylon batsmen in dire straits.

Sajjad struck the next blow when he had Peries well taken by Alam in the slips and the score had slumped to 71 for five.

Third victim

H. I. K. Fernando scored a single and fell lbw to Alam. His third such victim 72-6-1. Channugam partnered Devaraj who then scored five off Sajjad, a single and four overthrows. He got another four when Alam himself was responsible for the overthrow and 80 went up.

Channugam cut Alam for four past gully and then on-drove him for four. A risky single brought 90 on the scoreboard.

Hamid was brought on for the last over before tea and Channugam hooked his short ball for four. At tea the score was 95 for six.

Channugam was bowled by Alam with his second ball after tea after a run was scored 96-7-13.

The 100 was reached in 182 minutes with a straight drive for two by Devaraj.

Fuard in at the fall of the 7th wicket hit a full toss from Alam to leg for a four, while Devaraj late-cut Alam for two. With singles by both batsmen, 110 were scored but at 112 Devaraj was stumped. He batted patiently for 19.

Polonowita pulled Sajjad for four off the first ball he faced. Then with a cover drive for two 120 was reached.

A pull for four and a two by Polonowita off Alam and a square-cut for four off Sajjad saw 130 on the board.

In Alam's next over, Polonowita was bowled by a ball that kept low 133-3-19. Polonowita batted attractively, he hit three fours and was in for 15 minutes.

Fuard again pulled Sajjad for four but Lieversz was bowled by Alam without scoring. The total was 137 when the last wicket fell at 4.30 p.m. The innings had lasted 200 minutes. And Alam's figures were seven for 44.

Pakistan bat

Pakistan needing 191 to win opened with Almazuddin and Kadir, Lieversz bowling from the tennis court end and Peries the scoreboard.

With a single scored Almazuddin was out lbw to Peries.

Iqbal and Kadir playing with extreme caution, took half an hour over the first 10 runs. Iqbal took his second four off Peries with a drive past extra cover.

A great catch

Channugam relieved Peries and at 25 obtained in 35 minutes Pakistan lost their second wicket when Reid took a great catch at mid-on to dismiss Iqbal. The bowler was Channugam.

Polonowita relieved Lieversz and bowled a maiden to Kadir. Channugam followed suit with one to Sajjad and stumps were drawn with Pakistan 27 for two made in 65 minutes.

THE TEST SCORES

CEYLON—1st Innings 152.
PAKISTAN—1st Innings
(88 for 4 wickets overnight
contd.)

J. BURKI, c H. I. K. Fernando, b Lieversz	sc 58
G. ARBAS, c Fuard, b Lieversz	sc 1
IMTIAZ AHMED, b Lieversz	sc 4
S. RANA, st H. I. K. Fernando, b Channugam	sc 19
ALAM, lbw, b Channugam	sc 9
IQBAL, c Fuard, b Channugam	sc 11
SAJJAD, not out	sc 1
Extras	sc 5
Total	sc 89

BOWLING: Lieversz 17-3-46-5; Pieris 10-3-26-1; Fuard 3-2-0-0; Channugam 12-1-4-4.

CEYLON—2nd Innings

O. PONNIAH, b Iqbal	sc 9
T. EDWARD, lbw, b Alam	sc 20
B. G. REID, b Alam	sc 20
M. TISSERA, lbw, b Alam	sc 8
M. DEVARAJ, st Kadir, b Sajjad	sc 19
P. I. PERIES, c Alam, b Sajjad	sc 4
J. I. K. FERNANDO, lbw, b Alam	sc 1
N. CHANNUGAM, b Alam	sc 18
A. FURAD, not out	sc 11
A. POLONOWITA, b Alam	sc 19
D. LIEVERSZ, b Alam	sc 9
Extras	sc 26
Total	sc 157

Fall of wickets: 19, 60, 60, 64, 71, 72, 96, 112, 133.

BOWLING: Farooq Hamid 9-4-17-0; Asif Iqbal 6-5-15-1; Imtiaz Alam 31.3-9-41-7; Pervez Sajjad 20-8-30-2.

PAKISTAN—2nd Innings

FAKIR IZZAZUDDIN, lbw, b Peries	sc 1
ABDUL KADIR, not out	sc 9
ASIF IQBAL, c Reid, b Channugam	sc 12
PERVEZ SAJJAD, not out	sc 6
Extras	sc 8
Total (for 5 wickets)	sc 27

Fall of wickets: 1, 25.

BOWLING: D. W. L. Lieversz 6-2-10-3; P. I. Peries 6-2-0-1; N. Channugam 4-2-3-1; A. Polonowita 1-1-0-0.

DARRELL LEADS THE TEAM OFF THE FIELD AFTER THE PAKISTAN FIRST INNINGS



BOWLERS BRING CEYLON FIRST WIN

Lieversz—bag of 9 wickets

A BIG bouquet to Ceylon for their first ever win in an unofficial Test ever and a special one for Darrell Lieversz for making victory possible for us.

It was his accurate medium pace seamers that wrecked the Pakistan batting yesterday with left arm bowler Polonowita finding a spot to get the ball to 'sit down' as it beat the batsmen.

A quick break-through was what Ceylon needed with Pakistan chasing 174 runs for victory with eight wickets in hand. Lieversz achieved it with the help of Polonowita and these two played a big part in dismissing them for 149 with a day and three hours to spare.

Great knock

BUT victory was never in sight as long as Test batsman Javed Burki was at the wicket. He played a polished innings full of stylish strokes and a solid defence against both pace and spin. Here was a batsman of Test class and he showed it in his crisp driving through the covers and pulls to leg to hit 12 fours in his superb innings.

LIEVERSZ finally got him and it was the turning point of the game. Burki, after playing and missing at the inswinger, was beaten by a well pitched up one. He was rapped on the pad to be ruled out leg before wicket.

Worried

EARLIER a sharp shower of rain at noon stopped play for 15 minutes. It must have worried skipper Imtiaz for on resumption he had no answer to Lieversz's inswinger. After playing and missing at three balls he edged the fourth to Devaraj at leg slip.

LIEVERSZ began the day with a beauty of a ball that swung in to beat Khadir and clip his leg stump. He also ended the innings with the help of wicket-keeper H. I. K. Fernando. Mian came out to



D. Lieversz

swing him, missed completely and in a flash Fernando caught the ball and threw down the wicket with Mian yards down the pitch. Lieversz finished with 4 for 78 and had a match bag of 9 for 68, an outstanding performance indeed.

LEFT arm bowler Polonowita found the spot which Intikhab Alam had exploited to the full on Saturday afternoon. Although not maintaining accurate length, Polonowita hit the spot three times and it got him three wickets. Left-hander Abbas went back to it as the ball 'squeaked' and both Rana and Alam could not keep it out as the ball went through to raps them on the pads plumb in front of the stumps.

PACE bowler Hamid put some life into the end of the match hitting Polonowita for a six over mid-off and a boundary off a pull.

PAKISTAN skipper Imtiaz Ahmed's comments on the game were "Everything is uncertain here, the wickets, the weather and the umpires." This statement typifies the unsporting behaviour of Abbas, Burki and Rana who showed their dissatisfaction at the umpires' decision when given out lbw.

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CEYLON — 1st Innings 132	
PAKISTAN — 1st Innings 59	
CEYLON — 2nd Innings 137	
PAKISTAN — 2nd Innings:	
FAOIR ALZUDDIN lbw	1
b P. I. Peris	
ABDUL KHADIR b	9
Lieversz	
ASIF IQBAL c	12
Rold b Channugam	
PURVEZ SAJJAD c	6
Devaraj b Abu Fuzad	
JAVED BURKI lbw	82
b Lieversz	
GHULAM ABBAS lbw	1
b Polonowita	
INTIAZ AHMED c	4
Devaraj b Lieversz	
SHAFKAT RANA lbw	16
b Polonowita	
INTIKHAB ALAM lbw	2
b Polonowita	
BASHIR MIAN st.	
H. I. K. Fernando b	8
Lieversz	
FAROOK HAMID not out	12
EXTRAS	19
TOTAL	149
WICKETS FELL: 1, 23,	
27, 29, 71, 102, 11, 125, 120,	
149.	
BOWLING: D. Lieversz 15.4	
7—28—1; P. I. Peris 12—7—	
35—1; N. Channugam 12—4—	
19—1; A. Polonowita 16—6—	
45—2; Abu Fuzad 4—1—4—1.	

Exhibition game

Today the Pakistanis meet a Board of Control XI in a one day game at the Colombo Oval starting at 10.30 a.m.

Ceylon: (Capt.) Michael Tissera (Capt.) H.I.K. Fernando, P. I. Peris, Neil Channugam, Abu Fuzad, D. W. L. Lieversz, A. Polonowita, G. E. M. Pundiah, S. G. Reid, M. Devaraj, Dawa Jayn, M. L. Idroos and Ghulam Raza.

Pakistan: Imtiaz Ahmed (Capt.) Javed Burki, Intikhab Alam, Shafkat Rana, Bashir Mian, Ghulam Abbas, Asad Kadir, Purvez Sajjad, Farook Hamid, Asif Iqbal, Masdul Hasan and Arif Butt.

Four day Test ends on third day

PAKISTAN HUMBBLED

Ceylon wins her first ever 'Test' easily by 41 runs

By Wrong 'Un

THE LION FLAG ATOP THE MAJESTIC COLOMBO OVAL SCORE-BOX FLUTTERED FURIOUSLY JUST BEFORE A SHOWER OF RAIN, TO GREET CEYLON'S FIRST EVER INTERNATIONAL WIN IN CRICKET. YESTERDAY WITH A DAY AND A HALF TO SPARE, CEYLON OUTCLASSED PAKISTAN IN THE FOUR-DAY UNOFFICIAL TEST BY 41 RUNS AFTER THREE DAYS OF EXCITING AND ENTERTAINING CRICKET.

Ceylon's victory which brings us to the threshold of international status, must be attributed to the joint effort made by the youthful team ably led by 24-year-old, Michael Tissera.

At no stage of this vital Test did the Pakistanis hold the whip hand despite the fact that they boasted three Test caps and eight others who had played in representative games both at home and abroad.

Ceylon's dominating swing and spin attack superbly backed up by one of the best fielding displays humbled the Pakistanis. After they had scored 27 for 2 at close on Saturday, Pakistan had to make 165 to win with two whole days' play left.

The heroes in yesterday's play were Darrell Lieversz, who followed up a fine first innings bowling spell by capturing four for 28 runs and Anurudha Polonowita whose left-arm Chinaman broke through the defence undetected.

On the verge
The innings of former Oxford 'blue' Jawed Burki raised Pakistan's hopes high. They still had a hope of victory even though they conceded the first innings by 52 runs, as long as Burki remained at the crease. After a hard-hit 62 runs, Burki walked back to the pavilion dejected obviously not too happy with the leg-before decision given against him by umpire M. A. Jayasinghe.

As long as Burki remained at the batting crease he was a potential danger to our bowlers. He executed power-packed drives through the covers and crisp flicks off his toes to the boundary with characteristic style.

It is really a pity that skipper Imtiaz Ahmed — now getting over the hill — could not bolster the attack with Burki and remain to see his team to victory. A score of 164 runs was not beyond the reach of batsmen in the class of Burki, Imtiaz Ahmed, Ghulam Abbas, Shafkat Rana and Intikhab Alam.

But the continued pressure applied by skipper Michael Tissera in changing his bowlers and

Only sixer
With Burki out of the picture.

Shafkat Rana withstood the attack for a while, but Polonowita had other ideas. After he had him leg-before, he claimed the wicket of Intikhab Alam the last recognised batsman. In the dying stages of the game happy go-lucky 6 foot 3 inch giant fast bowler, Farook Hamid had a bang at the bowling.

He alone showed how Polonowita could be tackled by hitting him for a soaring sixer which happened to be the only one of the match. At 2.40 p.m. everything was over for the shouting and Ceylon who gave an admirable display fully well deserved this triumph.

Exhibition
Today the touring Pakistanis will engage themselves against a Board of Control XI in a one-day game at the Colombo Oval starting at 10.30 a.m.

The charges for this Exhibition game are as follows: Reserved seats Rs. 2. General Rs. 1. Covered stands Rs. 1. and open stands 50 cts. Season tickets already purchased for the Test will be valid for the game. Ceylon: Michael Tissera (Capt.), H. I. K. Fernando, P. I. Pieris, Neil Chanmugam, Abu Fuard, D. W. L. Lieversz, A. Polonowita, C. E. M. Ponniah, B. G. Reid, M. Devaraj, David Heyn, M. L. Idroos and Ghulam Raski.

Pakistan: Imtiaz Ahmed (Capt), Jawed Burki, Intikhab Alam, Shafkat Rana, Bushir Mian, Ghulam Abbas, Abdul Kadir, Purvez Sajjad, Farook Hamid, Asif Iqbal, Masdul Hasan and Arif Butt.

Three reasons why they lost

Pakistan's Captain had a very terse comment on the failure of his team in the unofficial "TEST". Last night, interviewed on the Radio, while explaining that of the team only Jawed Burki, Intikhab Alam and himself had any real experience of First Class Cricket, Imtiaz Ahmed accounted for Pakistan's failure with the words "EVERYTHING IS UNCERTAIN HERE. THE WEATHER THE WICKET AND THE UMPIRES".

Ceylon skipper Michael Tissera, also interviewed on the Radio, congratulated his team on their fine performance and said he was disappointed by the performance of the visiting team.

SCOREBOARD

ALL CEYLON: 1st Innings — 152

PAKISTAN: 1st Innings (Overnight 38 — 4)	
JAVED BURKI c H. I. K. Fernando, b Lieversz	32
GHULAM ABBAS, c Fuard, b Lieversz	1
IMTIAZ AHMED b Lieversz	4
SHAFKAT RANA, st H. I. K. Fernando b Chanmugam	19
INTIKHAB ALAM, lbw b Chanmugam	9
ASIF IQBAL c Fuard b Chanmugam	11
PURVEZ SAJJAD, not out	1
EXTRAS	5

TOTAL

WICKETS FELL AT (Fifth): 41, 45, 58, 77, 94.

BOWLING

DARRELL LIEVERSZ	17—8—40—5
P. IAN PIERIS	10—3—26—1
ABU FUARD	2—2—0—0
NEIL CHANMUGAM	12 3—4—28—4

ALL CEYLON: 2nd Innings

C. E. M. PONNIAH b Asif Iqbal	2
T. C. T. EDWARD lbw b Alam	20
BUDDY REID b Alam	20
MICHAEL TISSERA lbw b Alam	2
M. DEVARAJ st Khadir b Sajjad	19
P. IAN PIERIS c Alam b Sajjad	4
H. I. K. FERNANDO lbw b Alam	14
NEIL CHANMUGAM b Alam	11
ABU FUARD not out	11
A. POLONOWITA b Alam	19
DARRELL LIEVERSZ b Alam	10
EXTRAS	27

TOTAL

WICKETS FELL AT 19, 60, 60, 64, 71, 72, 96, 112, 133.

BOWLING

FAROOK HAMID	9—4—17—0
ASIF IQBAL	6—2—15—1
INTIKHAB ALAM	2—0—41—7
PURVEZ SAJJAD	20—8—36—2

PAKISTAN 2nd Innings

FAHIR AIZZUDDIN lbw b P. I. Pieris	1
ABDUL KHADIR b Lieversz	9
ASIF IQBAL c Reid b Chanmugam	12
PURVEZ SAJJAD c Devaraj b Abu Fuard	6
JAVED BURKI lbw b Lieversz	62
GHULAM ABBAS lbw b Polonowita	1
IMTIAZ AHMED c Devaraj b Lieversz	4
SHAFKAT RANA lbw b Polonowita	16
INTIKHAB ALAM lbw b Polonowita	5
BASHIR MIAN st H. I. K. Fernando b Lieversz	8
FAROOK HAMID not out	12
EXTRAS	19

TOTAL

FALL: 1, 25, 27, 70, 71, 102, 111, 125, 129, 149.

BOWLING

D. LIEVERSZ	18—4—7—28—4
P. I. PIERIS	15—7—35—1
N. CHANMUGAM	13—6—19—1
A. POLONOWITA	16—6—45—3
ABU FUARD	4—1—8—1

* BURKI OUT: Jawed Burki caught by wicket-keeper H. I. K. Fernando off Lieversz for 32 runs in the Pakistan v Ceylon match.



Ceylon gain first Test victory

Lieversz—man of the match

Pakistan beaten by 41 runs

FIELDING by the team in both innings and bowling by Lieversz, all of superlative quality, were the main contributory factors in Ceylon's 41-run victory against Pakistan, in the unofficial four-day Test, begun on Friday at Colombo Oval.

This is the first victory gained by Ceylon at international level. The young captain, Michael Tissera, and the Board of Control selectors, Messrs D. D. Jayasinghe, K. M. T. Perera, C. T. A. Schaffter and G. P. Schoorman, who chose him and the team, are to be complimented on an arduous job of work done well.

Unique achievement

Tissera's unique achievement in having beaten Pakistan twice amply justified the confidence the selectors placed on him.

Last Sunday, Tissera led the President's XI to victory by eight wickets. Pakistan's Test team was the same but for one change. The team on this occasion had five Test players, including the experienced Imtiaz Ahmed, Ikhlas Alam and Javed Burki. Lieversz was indeed the man of the match. More than the excellent figures he returned, his match bow was a 3 for 49 in 32.4 overs, it was his ability to produce no extra effort at crucial moments that gave his side the initiative or regained it when lost.

His two wickets in the first over of Pakistan's first innings, sent his two wickets in an over again, to break the back of the middle batting, helped largely in Ceylon gaining an useful lead.

A real threat

Then in the second innings he bowled Radezi early next morning, dominated the Pakistan captain for only 4 for the second time, and captured Burki's wicket when he was well set and a real threat to Ceylon.

Perera, Chamugam, and Polonowitsch did well in their supporting roles while the little Furd bowled, was top class stuff.

The Ceylon fieldsmen did not drop a catch in the whole match while some brilliant ones were taken.

M. I. K. Fernando maintained his reputation as Asia's finest wicket-keeper.

The batting could not be called disappointing when it is remembered Ceylon had the worst of the wicket which Alam and Sajjad exploited fully. Alam's beautifully controlled innings, with the variations of

Burki over-drove Lieversz for another four in his next over. Chamugam bowled another maiden to Sajjad. Bowing his fourth over Lieversz sent down a maiden to Burki.

Chamugam relieved

Polonowitsch relieved Chamugam and bowled a maiden to Sajjad.

Forty was reached when Burki played the last ball of Lieversz's fifth over to leg for a single. Crossing over Burki drove Polonowitsch for 4 past extra-cover.

Perera relieved Lieversz and bowled a maiden to Burki. Polonowitsch followed suit with one to Sajjad.

Burki pulled Perera for a four to mid-wicket and the 50 was reached after play had been in progress for 40 minutes last morning. This was Burki's fourth four.

Burki square-cut Polonowitsch for another four but Perera tied down Sajjad with a maiden.

Polonowitsch connected two runs in his next over. And Burki over-drove Perera for a four to make the total 60 at 11.30 a.m. Burki cut Perera for yet another four, his seventh.

Sajjad pulled Polonowitsch for a four to mid-wicket, and with a single to the off, the 70 was reached. Burki was 34 not out.

Furd was brought on at the tenth court and with his third ball had Sajjad brilliantly caught by Devaraj at slip. The score was 70-4-6. Sajjad batted for an hour and play had been in progress an hour.

Abbas opened with a single to mid-off, a brilliant stop by Chamugam cutting off the boundary. Abbas fell i.b.w. to Polonowitsch, the ball keeping low rapped him as he played back defensively in front of his stumps.

Burki drew another four to the off, and with a single in Furd's second over reached 40. The total was 80 at 11.45 a.m.

Furd bowled a very good over to Burki who played it down. Imtiaz made his first run with a square-cut off Polonowitsch. And crossing over he chopped Furd for 2.

Burki cut Polonowitsch for four and then over-drove him for another to send up 90 and reach his individual 50 in 85 minutes, including ten fours.

Wide range of strokes

Burki, after a quiet start, used a wide range of well-timed strokes. Rain caused a stoppage of 15 minutes at 12 noon.

After the rain, Lieversz re-devised Furd, and the first ball fired from beneath, resulting in two byes. The over was a maiden.

Perera bowled from the scoreboard and after a single by Imtiaz, Burki took a five off his toes to send up 100 to 100 minutes.

Imtiaz was beaten by every ball from Lieversz in his second over. The last of which he tried to stop but missed only to be snapped up by Devaraj at backward short-leg 102-6-4.

Chamugam was brought on for Perera and at lunch Pakistan were 105 for 4 with Burki 50 not out. Burki was a sure of touch when he did not clear the semblance of a chance. Playing his defensive strokes with a dead bat, he scored effortlessly with clean, powerful strokes.

Lieversz bowled to Burki after lunch. He took a single off the third ball and Rana faced Lieversz.

Chamugam from the scoreboard and conceded a run to Burki. Rana played the rest of the over defensively.

A maiden

Burki played defensively to Lieversz's next over, a maiden. Rana straight-drove Chamugam on three. Furdian cutting off the boundary and 110 was reached.

Lieversz, who was bowling beautifully, after lunch, forced Burki back on his stumps with the last ball of his fourth over to trap him i.b.w. 111-7-42. Burki hit 12 fours and batted 103 minutes. Finding his best form at last the old Oxford Blue cut, drove and forced the ball off his legs with certainty. He gave no chance.

Mian followed and Lieversz scored a maiden to him. Rana on-drove for two in Chamugam's next over, and Rana smacked two of Lieversz who bowled another good over.

Two more deliveries from Chamugam were driven for six runs, a four and a two, and 120 was registered.

Polonowitsch came on for Chamugam and although lacking direction gave away only one run in his first over to Rana. Perera then bowled a maiden to Rana and Polonowitsch one to Mian.

Rana took a short single off Perera's next over which was a good one.

Rana was out i.b.w. to Polonowitsch at 125. Eight wickets were now 181 and Rana had made 16 runs in 87 minutes.

Perera bowled a maiden to Mian and Imtiaz, the new batsman, promptly batted Polonowitsch to mid-wicket for a four. He missed the next ball and off to Polonowitsch came back. The ball keeping very low on the identical manner, Alam had not one at the bowler on Saturday which bowled Polonowitsch 128-8-4.

Mian cut Perera for four and the total was 131. The next stroke was a two to over.

The first six

The next man in, Rana, hit Polonowitsch for a two and a six, and 140 was up. He hit another four and a two and Polonowitsch had conceded 12 runs in the over. Mian's six was the first of the match.

Mian then faced Lieversz in what was destined to be the last over of the match. The second ball, very low, hit Mian playing back, but the confident appeal for i.b.w. was negatived.

Two deliveries later Mian walked down the wicket and missed the ball. He slipped and fell in his attempt to retain his crum. M. I. K. Fernando threw down the wicket from his position two yards away and Mian was out easily.

Today the Pakistan cricketers will engage in an exhibition game at the Oval, play starting at 12.30 a.m.



SHAHJAD (Pakistan) is brilliantly caught by Devaraj in the slips off the bowling of Abu Furd in the cricket Test between Ceylon and Pakistan, played on the Oval yesterday. Ceylon won by 41 runs.

Imtiaz under fire in Pakistan too

THE PAKISTAN TEAM COULD "AT LEAST TRY TO DISPLAY GOOD MANNERS ABROAD. THANKS TO IMTIAZ AHMED'S STATEMENT, WE CANNOT CLAIM EVEN THAT," STATES LAST SATURDAY'S PAKISTAN "MORNING NEWS" REFERRING TO THE DEFEAT OF PAKISTAN'S CRICKET TEAM BY CEYLON.

In a news item published the same day the "Morning News" reports that Mr. Pina Hassan, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, had asked the manager of the team to Ceylon to expedite a detailed report of the tour.

The report states that Mr. Hassan expressed concern over the controversy created by a former skipper on the poor performance in Ceylon. He said that such statements were not in any way going to help the cause of cricket in the country. Rather they would harm the interests of the game.

Mr. Hassan said, age and doubts in a game were always inevitable not only for Pakistan but also for all countries. That applied particularly to cricket.

He said to take stock of the situation to do their best to bring it at a level where they could play with a confidence against other countries which played cricket.

Mr. Hassan said one should not minimise the performance of the Ceylon cricket team. It was likely that they had come up in the game, which was a welcome sign.

Mr. Hassan said: "After all Pakistan playing in England ten years ago defeated that side. This does not mean that England should have lamented the defeat."

'Pathetic'

The editorial in the "Morning News" was as follows:

That the standards of cricket have gone down in Pakistan is obvious to all lovers of the game. That they have gone down to the very bottom became clear when the Pakistan "A" team lost a test match in Ceylon—in addition to losing the other encounters also. It would do no good to pretend that this was not our best side or that the story would have been different had Mush-taq Mohammad, Saad Ahmed, Nazim-ul-Ghani, and Aslam D'Souza been there.

Such excuses only divert attention from the basic fact that the standards of cricket in our country have gone so low that, far from winning, we cannot even put up a gallant fight. We do not agree with those who are in favour of prohibiting our cricketers from playing

in the English county teams on the ground that they should be available to Pakistan instead of playing for money in England.

Our cricketers are next to none in Pakistan but when they are victims of injustice or factionalism or sheer indifference, then they are fully justified in playing the game wherever they are encouraged to do so.

Instead of blaming the handling of Pakistan cricketers who are abroad, we should rather devote attention to the causes of decline of cricket in this country and seek to correct the situation. The affairs of the Cricket Control Board should be properly managed with dignity and consideration should be encouraged. There should be playing and coaching facilities at all levels where youngsters show promise. They should be encouraged, and the pitches should be better.

Umpiring

The decline in our cricket standards was neither sudden nor unexpected. It was the inevitable result of the way cricket has been handled in the past several years.

To add insult to injury, skipper Imtiaz Ahmed displayed some remarkably crude manners on Ceylon by blaming the poor wicket, weather, and umpiring for the Pakistan team's defeat. He tried later to "clarify" his statement but the damage had been done.

As a seasoned cricketer, he should know that not all of the world's pitches are a paradise for batsmen and that the uncertain weather only adds to the attractiveness of cricket.

We should Imtiaz have accused his hosts of poor umpiring, even if he were convinced about it. He could have, on his return, given his frank opinion to the Board for Cricket, but to have attributed his team's defeat to poor umpiring in Ceylon was unworthy of a sportsman.

True enough, our team can no longer play cricket of a high standard but they can at least try to display good manners abroad. Thanks to Imtiaz Ahmed's statement, we cannot claim even that.

It's not cricket!

CRICKET, which followers claim to be a way of life, rather than a game is famed for its "GLORIOUS UNCERTAINTIES". Around this popular pastime, which the English spread to all parts of the globe — we now read that the Australians were beaten in HOLLAND — has grown all manner of legends.

Even the English language has phrases like 'It's not cricket' that over the centuries have come to refer to good and ill-mannered behaviour.

Thus it seems a pity that PAKISTAN skipper Imtiaz Ahmed apparently is so ill-informed about this aspect of the game, with which he has been associated for so many years.

His reference to the UNCERTAIN element about playing here in his radio interview is in fact a contradiction of everything that this game stands for.

Moreover, coming after our country had beaten Pakistan, led by him, in the first official Test we played, will surely leave a lingering odour whenever Pakistan is mentioned to our fans.

His reported statement: "Everything is uncertain here the weather, the wicket and the umpires," leaves little room for speculation. His meaning is abundantly clear.

If his statement were to be analysed, it spotlights a distinct lack of good sense and perhaps hints at an excuse.

The weather? What is uncertain about it, compared to the fame of an English Summer? Imtiaz has played in England and must know that there is no more uncertain weather than in that country.

The wicket? Imtiaz seemed to have found some hidden bogey in it after that short sharp shower. How does he otherwise account for that brilliant knock by Javed Burki?

Three balls beat Imtiaz completely and he was without a clue — playing tentatively forward — when Lievers had him caught at leg slip with his fourth ball.

He took time between balls to 'farm' the wicket. When barracked by the crowd, he responded by requesting them to bat in his place.

THE UMPIRES? Imtiaz should have asked his players Burki, Abbas and Rana to take an example



from Edward, Tissera and H. I. K. Fernando, who when given lbw walked without the slightest hesitation.

To say more about the last point would be to indulge in further bad taste.

The least one can say about the Pakistan skipper's comments is that it just wasn't cricket.

Indignant

WHILE on the subject of cricket, John Gordon, the Editor of London's "Sunday Express" is still more indignant at the reaction of his countrymen at the Australians winning.

His comments on the Fifth Test went like this: "Australians skittle England out in the Test, then proceed to bat themselves into what looks like a match-winning lead. And what happens? Again the critics wait that they are playing cricket the wrong way."

"In fact, having retained the Ashes, they are merely making certain that they will win the series as well which is what they are here to do. What's wrong with that?"

What indeed? Perhaps there is a lesson here for those advocates of this game and any other who are advocates of the theory — "win at all cost, or if you can't win, don't lose."

"Concerning your fan club membership, as in the past, those members who are due to expire will have a re-enrolment form enclosed with their copy of the newsletter, the month before they expire"

—from the journal of the Helen Shapiro Fan Club.

QUOTE

"One must work as if life never ends and live as if one dies tomorrow."

—M. Charles Munch, the distinguished 73-year-old French conductor to reporters in Edinburgh last week.

Contact

Man at the middle tells all: 'Imtiaz sukked from the toss' 'FRONT FOOT, MY FOOT' SAYS UMPIRE

THERE WERE 12 LEG BEFORE WICKET DECISIONS IN THE PAKISTAN CRICKET "TEST" MATCH AND NOT ONE OF THEM WAS A DECISION SAYS MATCH UMPIRE M. A. JAYASINGHE IN REPLY TO THE PAKISTAN GER MAJID KHAN WHO EXPLAINED AWAY CAPTAIN IMTIAZ AHAMED'S CERTAIN UMPIRING.

MAJID Khan said at the official Cricket Board dinner last night that what was meant by "uncertain umpiring" was that in Pakistan or International cricket an l.b.w. decision on the outstretched front foot was rarely or never given.

UMPIRE Jayasinghe said that not one of the decisions was "on the outstretched front foot." Of the 12 l.b.w. deci-

sions 5 were against Ceylon and 7 against Pakistan. THE Ceylon batsmen took the decisions sportingly — especially captain Michael Tissera who was out l.b.w. both innings.

WHY THEY WERE OUT

THE three decisions against the Pakistan batsmen who took them in poor spirit were all correct:

● BURNI expected a straight ball from Darrell Livera to swerve and he played it for a serve, missed and was

out l.b.w. The appeal could not have been made by the bowler as he follows through towards mid-off. The only fieldsmen, who could have seen the l.b.w. and appealed for it, were wicket-keeper H. I. K. Fernando and short fine leg Ponnam.

● ABRAS — who was ruled out l.b.w. by J. M. C. Jayasinghe played back to a normal leg-break from Polonowita (on off-break to Abbas as he is a left-hand-er) missed and was leg-

before.
● ABRAS — When a ball from Polonowita shot though low Eana had not moved his left foot but played from the crease.

TOSSED AGAIN

FROM the outset of the Test Imtiaz Ahamed was sukked, according to Jayasinghe. WHEN Tissera and Imtiaz tossed the Pakistan called for the crescent. There was no crescent in the new one-rupee coin. What he, perhaps meant was the coat-of-arms. A second toss had to be made and the coin fell with the word "One rupee" upward and Tissera won it.

THEN Imtiaz complained that there was too much grass on the wicket and asked that it be mown. Umpire Jayasinghe had told him, "Now that you have tossed the wicket is the charge of the umpires."

ON Saturday noon there was a short sharp shower of rain. At 12.10 p.m. Imtiaz wanted the wicket reversed. It was told that it will take a long time for the covers to be wheeled to the wicket. In a few minutes the rain ceased, but Imtiaz mumbled that the ground staff were unco-operative, according to Jayasinghe.

LAW QUOTED

IN the same churlish spirit the umpires were blamed for starting the last over before lunch at 12.25 p.m. (It was over by 12.31 p.m.). But when the law was quoted, that the last over before adjournment or close of play shall be started if the umpires take up positions before closing time is reached, then there was peace.

THEN began the disputes about the l.b.w. decisions, the casual comments on the weather, the wicket and the umpiring.

ACCORDING to Jayasinghe he had earned praise from international captains like Richie Bonard and Bob Simpson enough said.

ON the Oval wicket — Ted Dexter said he would like to take the Oval wicket home with him. Bonard called it a beauty and Bob Simpson did not even call for a roller — "why do you think we need one?" It is a perfect pitch," he had told Jayasinghe.

THE uncertain weather? Jayasinghe: That was not an decision!"

M.M.T.

**DARRELL PRACTICING AT THE SSC
PRIOR TO ONE OF THE THREE
INTERNATIONAL GAMES OF 1964**



LIEVERSZ SPLIT THE PAK BATTLING WIDE OPEN

IN THAT MEMORABLE TEST IN '64

10/11/66. (D.M.)



DARRELL LIEVERSZ

THE latter part of August, 1964, was for every Ceylonese cricket fan days of wine and roses, for somewhere around that time our small country was sitting big after a Test Match against Pakistan.

After fortunes had fluctuated as it always does in this game called cricket, by 2.40 p.m. on the third day in that four-day Test, Ceylon had made Pakistan eat humble pie, and in doing so re-wrote our cricket history, with a first ever Test victory against that country or any other cricketing might. At this very moment, Ceylon once again gets ready for a fresh battle against the Paks who would give anything in the world to avenge their 1964 debacle. They have reinforced the side with the brother of 'Little Bradman' Hanif Mohammad, Mustaq, while Javed Burki has given way to Intikhab-Alam.

DEPUTY

Intikhab came to Ceylon last as deputy to veteran Imtiaz Ahmed, who ended his best cricketing days on a sour note, when he criticized our wickets and the entire works, you may say, following the tour.

To cut out the jargon and get on with the game, fans will be eager to refresh their memories of that famous victory and the men who played the heroic roles.

To set the ball rolling, seven members of that side are not touring Pakistan, and two king-sized players in Stan Jayasinghe and Olive Thomas who are in today's Ceylon team were not with us in 1964, to share our greatest glory in modern cricket.

A strange irony it seems, but it's a fact that cannot be overlooked: T. C. T. Edward, the bespectacled Old Thomson, and C. M. Ponniah, both not touring, were our opening

pair. They put on a decent enough first wicket stand, which indeed paved the way for a first innings total of 150 runs.

Mike Tissera, our newly appointed captain topped his side's innings with 33. H. I. K. Fernando, that prince among Asian stumpers made 31, while opener Ponniah got a valuable 26.

Pakistan when they went

drives had donated a bonus of 28 runs to our total of 137 runs.

Skipper Tissera made a duck, while the rest of our batsmen were finding it extremely exasperating to cope with the leg spin and googly bowling of Intikhab Alam, who by now has come to be known as one of the best in that intricate art of spin bowling.

149 runs the Pakistanis required to knock Ceylon down and out of international cricket.

by Austin Daniel

in to bat, came up against a miniature model of Alan Davidson in Darrell Liversz. Liversz had represented Ceylon in the Djakarta Games, two years earlier and with a magnificent torso had turned to his other love cricket with great diligence. He wrought havoc with the Pakistanis and in their innings of 99 had taken five wickets for 40 runs.

Ceylon went in a second time but things didn't seem to go off as planned. Edward and Buddy Reid, the latter a medical student then, had scored 26 runs each. They were the highest scorers in our second essay, after Mr. Sun-

der recognition and they had all the time in the world to do it. Yet, by close of play on the second day, three precious wickets had tumbled, two of them to Liversz. And the visitors were in for a heck of a time on the morrow.

The Paks huffed and puffed all morning. The venom of Liversz and the wiles of spinner Amerudha Polonovita, seemed to have set in causing the Paks to writhe in spasms of despair.

Javed Burki, the son of Pakistan's Defence Minister at the time, was determined to restore his side to some sort of standard, but when Asif Iqbal was out to a great catch

by Buddy Reid at mid-on Pakistan's cricketing prowess was exposed in the bone.

Burki made a gallant 58, but Liversz ended the day with 2 more wickets and with a match bag of 9 for 68, had the Pakistanis fumed. Polonovita took 3 for 45 and at 2.40 p.m. on the third day of play, Pakistan had lost to little Ceylon by 41 runs.

Swarming crowds, who swamped the Oval wicket that August afternoon, was ample testimony to our famous Test victory. The seven men, who made it possible were: Mike Tissera; H. I. K. Fernando; T. C. T. Edward; C. M. Ponniah; P. I. Peiris; M. Devaraj; Abu Paard; N. Chamugama; Buddy Reid; Darrell Liversz and A. Polonovita.

The question on everyone's lips at the moment is: will Ceylon re-establish her supremacy over Pakistan at Lahore? It's a waiting game now!

Lieversz—in form by practising alone

Perseverance has its reward and a striking example of this is the performance of former Royal skipper and Colts cricketer Darrell Lieversz, whose hostile bowling against Pakistan paved the way for the first ever win for Ceylon in an unofficial Test match.

Lieversz, who is planting at Neboda Estate in the KV district has little time for competitive cricket, leave alone practising with his team-mates. When called for practices he was unable to come to Colombo and neither could he come down for the first trial. Lieversz however practised daily by himself at the Tebuwana Club, bowling over after over at a stump on a concrete pitch.

Lieversz has been well known since his school days for his accurate bowling and vicious inswinger both with the new ball and the old. It got him scores of wickets in Inter-School cricket and also in Club games. But it was only when he developed bowling the ball that went away from the batsmen did he become the bowler of Test class which he is now.

PEAK FORM

He practised this every day at Tebuwana and was in peak form to wreck the Pakistan batting with his hostile bowling. It was his sensational first over on Friday which resulted in their collapse. In his fourth ball he got it to move in sharply to opener Azzazudin who went back on his stumps and was beaten neck and crop to be out lbw. Off his sixth ball Mian could do little against the inswinger and popped up an easy catch. Pakistan had two down for no runs in that first over.

Lieversz also had the satisfaction of dismissing Test batsmen Imtiaz Ahmed and Javed Burki in both innings. Imtiaz Ahmed did not have a clue against the inswinger, being bowled in the first innings, and offering a simple catch to leg slip in the second.

BURKI TOO

He fooled Burki with the ball that left the bat in both innings. In the first, Burki could not get the measure of the inswinger and finally flashed at one which he thought was coming in. But it was the one moving away and Burki got a touch for H. I. K. Fernando to hold the catch. In the second Burki was rapped on the pad three times by the inswinger and then was beaten by the straight one on the stumps to be out lbw. This was great bowling indeed.

A gem of a ball was the one that dismissed Kardir in the second innings. Kardir played forward to an inswinger, missed completely and the ball clipped the leg stump. Lieversz finished with a match bag of 9 for 68 in 25.4 overs, a rich reward for his outstanding bowling and his hard practice at Tebuwana.

ENTHUSIAST

Lieversz's boss Mike Ondaatjie has been responsible for him continuing in first class cricket here. Ondaatjie who played for Trinity College and the Police is an ardent cricket enthusiast and it has been through his encouragement that Lieversz has been able to practise at Tebuwana and bowl Ceylon to victory.

Colts cricket Club can be well proud of the name Lieversz. It was Darrell's father Douglas who

has been their stalwart for the past 39 years and both father and son have shone for the Club. Douglas played for the Club while still at Royal College and is the possessor of a remarkable record as an all-round sportsman and administrator. He captained Royal at cricket, rugby, football and athletics and then captained the Colts and won his Ceylon cap against Jack Ryder's team in 1935.

A RECORD

When Darrell captained Royal in 1962 he finished the season with 60 wickets for an average of 8.38 per wicket. He then broke into first class Club cricket by capturing 72 wickets last season for Colts, a record for Ceylon cricket that will be hard to beat. He finished with an average of 9.78 runs per wicket which is remarkable in itself.

Lieversz bowled the CCA to victory in the Gopalan Trophy match versus the Madras cricket Association with six wickets in the second innings. He also bowled well against the Australians in the one day fixture although he did not meet with success.

Umpire M. A. Jayasinghe who officiated in that match said "Lieversz bowled a beauty to Norman O'Neill as he came in. It was a wicket as the ball left Lieversz's hand, one that pitched on a good length and dipped into the batsman. It would have beaten many batsmen but O'Neill showed the stamp of class as he lent forward and crashed it through the covers for four." Lieversz himself will not forget the ball for a long time and neither will he the stroke that O'Neill played.

ATHLETE

Cricket fans would have noticed the speed with which Lieversz covers ground when chasing the ball. This is no surprise as he is the holder of the Ceylon 400 metres record and represented Ceylon at the GANEFO Games in Jakarta, in the 200 and 400 metres and the schools team in Australia three years ago. Lieversz did exceptionally well on that tour and as in athletics his natural build and physical fitness helps him through long spells of bowling.

Athletic fans will remember his classic duels with Ceylon's leading sprinter Lakshman de Alwis over the 200 and 400 metres.

Lieversz is undoubtedly the spearhead of the Ceylon attack for the Indian tour and should be our leading wicket-taker again during the Saravanamuttu Trophy cricket season. His availability for the game will depend on Mike Ondaatjie and he is too much of a sportsman not to encourage Lieversz as he has done so in the past the encouragement that has helped Lieversz to bring recognition to Ceylon cricket by this first ever Test victory.

E. W. R.

On the strength of his bowling performances Darrell was picked for the Ceylon team that toured India in 1964-65. The team played three unofficial four-day tests.

CEYLON TEAM, INDIAN TOUR, 1964 - 65



Standing top row L to R: T.C.T. Edwards, D.P. de Silva, N. Frederick, R. Fernando, M.L. Idroos
Standing middle row L to R: M. Devaraj, N. Chanmugam, C.E.M. Ponniah, D.W. L. Lieversz,
L. Rodrigo, S. Dias, D. Weerasinghe
Seated L to R: S. Jayasinghe, A. Fuard, M. Tissera (captain), H.I.K. Fernando, A. Polonowita,
N. Seneratne (manager)

Ceylon were comprehensively beaten in the first two tests. Ceylon turned the tables in the final test which was played on a rain affected wicket. Ceylon declared 45 runs behind India on the first innings and went on to skittle the Indian team for 66 runs on a moisture affected wicket. Ceylon reached the winning target of 112 in 55.2 overs with captain Tissera hitting the winning run.

Final club season

Darrel played his final season for the Colts under Premaratne in 1964-65 and this season is discussed in a chapter following. He was transferred to Duckwari Estate, Rangala, on 15th March 1965. At Rangala he was unable to practice, and he lost his place in the Ceylon team as he could only play Donovan Andree trophy and Daily News trophy cricket for Kandy SC and Dimbula CC, without any practice.

Darrell explained how he had lost his competitiveness by 1965 –

I felt very guilty when I applied for a promotion transfer to Duckwari Estate, Rangala; a Stirling Company in the Kandy District. Mike advised me against it, saying that I would be putting my cricketing future in jeopardy. It was a very difficult decision but at that time, it seemed to be the correct thing to do as I had to think of my future career in planting. I decided to leave Neuchatel thus ending my cricket at the Colts. Shortly after I moved to the Kandy District, I was selected to play for Ceylon against England captained by Mike Smith in the first of two games in Colombo but was dropped for the second game. It was disappointing but this was exactly what Mike Ondaatje predicted. I continued playing Donovan Andre and Daily News Trophy cricket for Kandy Sports Club and the Dimbula Cricket Club without the benefit of any practice between games due to the distances I had to travel making it an extremely difficult situation.

I played one more game representing the Central Province captained by Bertie Gomez against England at Asgiriya led by Colin Cowdrey. I fared better as a batsman in this game when Sugi Rajaratnam (a fellow Royalist) and I hit Robin Hobbs for 3 sixes each into the Timber Sawmill”

Beating the Colts

In 1968 he played for the Kandy team that lost to the Colts in a Daily News trophy game. The game was declared null and void due to an irregularity and in the rematch, Kandy beats the Colts comfortably. He showed that he hadn't totally lost his fire by capturing five wickets.

Colts 'B' triumph

KANDY, Friday.
A glorious innings of 60 by former Trinitian and Agriculturist Anil Ratwatte and some fine seam bowling by skipper Rauff Azzam 3 for 19 and A. Wickremaratne 4 for 26 enabled the Colts C.C., 'B' team to register an exciting 61 run first innings win over Kandy Cricket Club in their Group II encounter of the Daily News Trophy Competition.

Kandy C.C., who fielded almost an Up-Country XI have only themselves to blame for this defeat as they resorted to negative tactics from the very start of the game. Malcolm Berenger, the Kandy skipper won the toss and put the Colts in to bat.

The Colts lost two early wickets but sound batting by Anil Ratwatte 60 with 6 fours and a six Sunil Fernando 34, Eardley Lieversz 22, Royal skipper 21, Garrick Soysa 12 and E. Melder 19 helped them to total 185 runs.

The Colts batted till 3 p.m. as the Kandy bowling was tight with Malcolm Berenger keeping the batsmen tied down from one end. Berenger's final figures were 32 overs 8 maidens, 56 runs for 4 wickets.

Left with the task of making 136 runs for victory in less than even time, the early Kandy batsmen lost their wickets chasing the runs and Kandy were finally dismissed for 124, 10 minutes from time.

Opener Randy Morrell top scored with an elegant 31, while T. B. Marasinghe 28, with 5 fours, Dr. Michael Roberts 20 and Asoka Gunawardena 12 were the only other Kandvans to enter double figures.

With this defeat Kandy C.C. have lost their chances of emerging as leaders in their Group.

SCOREBOARD

COLTS CC 'B'—1st Innings
Rauff Azzam lbw b Lieversz 9.
A. Rambukpotha c Lieversz b Berenger 12: Sunil Fernando, b Berenger 34: Anil Ratwatte, lbw b Gunnoruwa 60: Eardley Lieversz b Alwis 21. Garrick Soysa, c Wijekoon, b Gunawardena 12: E. Melder lbw b Berenger 19, Tony Perera lbw b Berenger 8, G. Manuel b Alwis 4: V. Wickremaratne b Alwis 0: A. Lawrence not out 0: Extras 5: Total 185.

FALL: 14, 43, 67, 115, 128, 162, 180, 182, 185, 185.

BOWLING: D. W. L. Lieversz Jur. 14—2—38—1, Malcolm Berenger 32—8—56—4, Asoka Gunawardena 21—0—49—1, Ajit Gunnoruwa 5—0—20—1, D. D. P. de Alwis 6—1—17—3.

KANDY CRICKET CLUB—1st Innings

Randy Morrell, c and b Perera 31: Bertie Gomesz, c Rambukpotha, b Azzam 5: Daya Amarasinghe, st Fernando, b Azzam 7: M. B. Wijekoon c Lieversz b Azzam 1: T. B. Marasinghe, b Ratwatte 28: Dr. M. W. Roberts, c Melder, b Perera 20: Asoka Gunawardena, lbw b Wickremaratne 12: D. D. P. de Alwis lbw b Wickremaratne 6, Darrell Lieversz not out 4: A. Gunnoruwa, lbw b Wickremaratne 12: M. Berenger b Wickremaratne 0 Extras 9: Total 124.

BOWLING: D. H. Lawrence 10—2—36—0, Rauff Azzam 9—2—19—3, A. Wickremaratne 13—1—26—4, Anil Ratwatte 5—0—16—1, T. Perera 7—1—18—2.

Kandy beaten

Colts CC 'B' scored a convincing first innings win over Kandy CC in the "Daily News" trophy cricket match played at Kandy recently. A well compiled 60 runs by Anil Ratwatte helped Colts to make 185. In reply the Up-country team scored 124. A. Wickramaratne (4 for 25) and — R. Assam (3 for 19) bowled well for Colts.

Colts 185 (S. Fernando 35; A. Ratwatte 60; E. Lieversz 22; E. Melder 20; M. Berenger 4—55; P. de Alwis 3—17, Kandy 124 (R. Morrell 32; T. B. Marasinghe 28; Dr. M. W. Roberts 20; R. Assam 3—19; A. Wickramaratne 4—25; T. Perera 2—18).

Opening the batting for Kandy was Randy Morrell who was twice bowled by Darrell in the 1961 Royal-Thomian and caught behind off Darrell in 1962, for three scores under five, including a duck. Malcolm Berenger, a one-time outstanding fast bowler, secured 4 for 56 off 32 overs, and put pressure on all the Colts batsmen.

The second top scorer for Kandy was Michael Roberts, a connoisseur of cricket who has written two subliminal books on Sri Lankan cricket, where he tackles the political and social aspects of the game. They are Essaying cricket: Sri Lanka and beyond, and Crosscurrents: Sri Lanka and Australia at cricket.

Gunawardena & Liversz help Kandy

KANDY, Thursday.

A HURRICANE 90 by Asoka Gunawardena, the National members cricket from Gampola and some hostile pace bowling by former Ceylon 'cap' D. W. L. Liversz Jnr, who captured 5 for 18 enabled the Kandy Cricket Club to register an easy 203-run first innings win over Colts CC 'B' in their 'Daily News' Trophy cricket encounter played at Katugastota recently.

On an early occasion when these two teams met in Kandy, the Colts 'B' who were led by Rauff Azzam scored an exciting victory over the Kandy team, but on a protest lodged by the Kandy CC, the Board of Control for Cricket in Ceylon, set a side that decision and ordered a replay as one member of that Colts side had earlier turned up for another club.

Kandy CC took sweet revenge this time against the Colts 'B' side that only had 9 players on the field and completed the preliminary league matches with an unbeaten record and now head the League Table, in their Group.

Kandy Cricket Club took first lease of the wicket and amassed 266 for 6 declared. Openers P. D. Bulankulame 53 and T. E. Badurdeen 33 added 81 runs and laid the foundation for a huge

Kandy total. Asoka Gunawardena 90 with 18 fours and a six was unfortunate to miss a well deserved century. Of the later batsmen Ajit Gannoruwa 42 and Maurice Peiris 27 made useful contributions. C. Warne 3 for 102 and A. Wickremaratne 2 for 90 shared the wickets.

In reply the Colts 'B' batsmen failed against the menacing pace of Ceylon 'cap' Darrel Liversz 5 for 18 and leg spinner Asoka Gunawardena 2 for 6 and their 9 batsmen were dismissed for a paltry 63.

Being forced to follow on the visiting team fared a little better in their 2nd essay and were 70 for 3 at close. V. Gunawardena 31 and M. Rajasingham 16 added 51 valuable runs for the 4th wicket without being separated.

Kandy CC 1st Innings: 266 for 6 declared (P. D. Bulankulame 53, T. E. Badurdeen 33, Asoka Gunawardena 90, Ajit Gannoruwa 42, Maurice Peiris not out 27, A. Wickremaratne 2 for 90, C. Warne 3 for 102).

Colts CC 'B' 1st Innings: 63 (V. Gunawardena 22, Darrel Liversz 5 for 18, A. Gunawardena 2 for 1, D. D. C. Alwis 1 for 1).

Colts CC 'B' 2nd Innings: (M. Rajasingham not out 16, V. Gunawardena not out 31).

The Colts had only nine players on the field and headed their group table. But that shouldn't take anything away from Darrell Liversz.

What might have been

Interestingly, Darrell was 19 years when he had that phenomenal season with the Colts. He was a mere 21 years of age, an age at which fast bowlers are still developing, when he was lost to first class cricket. Yet within this extraordinarily brief career, he walked like a colossus. In two successive seasons, 1961-62 and 1962-3, as a schoolboy cricketer and then as a club cricketer he dominated the game in Sri Lanka to an extent no one has before or after. And in August 1964, a month after he had turned 21, he was Ceylon's leading wicket taker in his country's first win at the international level, which was against Pakistan.

And what is creditable is that he had batsmen at sea not through pace or bounce, but through movement in the air. In 1962-63 experienced club cricketers who had no problems with other top bowlers were all at sea to Darrell's late in swing. The level of deception was so high that batsman after batsman were being comprehensively bowled.

If he had remained in cricket, international batsmen such as Norman O'Neill would probably have had his measure. But he would have continued to trouble batsman at the club level as he matured and figured out ways to combat batsmen who used their pads or batted outside their creases to him. His craft and intelligence would have kept him ahead of innovative batting techniques.

If history had taken a different course, and Darrell had enjoyed a normal run of luck, he could have looked back and felt that in the first 21 years of his life he had achieved as much glory in cricket as he could have. But cricket, like life, is full of glorious (and often inglorious) uncertainties, and usually rewards lesser mortals more handsomely than it does those who make an impact. (At the age of 22 years the chronicler had already lived his cricketing dreams and had sufficient memories to last him a lifetime and to this day, to be queried about them.) Such is life.

Two Royalist pacemen who were masters of the art of swing

In 2014 the chronicler had an interesting conversation with Chris Chitty who in 1967 opening the bowling for Royal almost matched Darrell's manner of cutting a swathe through school batsmen. In contrast to Darrell, Chris moved the ball away but, not unlike Darrell, understood what swing bowling was about and how to go about implementing it. Chris explained to him how after reading an instructional book by Keith Miller he practiced arduously to turn theory into reality. At under 16 practice he took the master in charge by surprise who requested that he repeat his deliveries to prove that his first delivery wasn't a fluke.

Chris Chitty remarked that he and Darrell were the only Royalists of the sixties who understand the art of swing. The chronicler concurs because compared to them the rest merely moved the ball off the seam and relied on pace.

Hence, Darrell's in-swing bowling was a unique phenomenon which took swing bowling in Sri Lanka to unsurpassed heights. Darrell troubled all and sundry, included some of Sri Lanka's most experienced batsmen. For instance, Vernon Prins decided it was time to retire after being confounded by Darrell. Darrell's craft was the fast-bowling equivalent of a spinner's guile.

Life is rarely fair

When Darrell looks back on what might have been he has some regrets about sacrificing cricket for career. It was a decision he made with the best knowledge available at the time. He went for what appeared to be a career opportunity that was too good to be rejected. Looking back he wishes he stayed in Colombo and pursued his cricket career.

But the regret that the chronicler has as, a Royalist and a Colt, is that Darrell's performances failed to generate a win for Royal against St. Thomas' and a Sara triumph for the Colts. Darrell's phenomenal performances deserved to generate such an outcome for there was a sense of inevitability about it. There were players with less brilliant performances to their credit who were in winning teams.

No one deserved to lead Royal victory against St. Thomas' as Darrell did in view of his stupendous bowling feats which had Royalists feeling like they were walking on air. While Royal always was more than a match for most schools, St. Thomas had Royal's measure until 1967. However, the chronicler felt that 1962, with Darrell in the side, Royal has its best chance in years to beat St. Thomas'. Unfortunately for Royal Darrell lost the toss¹.

And no one deserved to be a member of a winning Sara team than Darrell did in 1962-63. Even on that final day he had the side that took out the trophy all at sea. All it would have taken was the umpire to have lifted his finger once and made a commonsense decision.

¹ In the two-day Royal-Thomian the side batting first always controlled the game. The side batting first, providing it had wickets in hand, could pile on the runs in the hour before tea. The lunch break takes the pressure off the batsman in a way the overnight break doesn't. After lunch one can consolidate and build on the work done by the earlier batsmen. When one commences an innings after tea, batsmen tend to play for the close. There is no continuity between batting after tea and batting after the overnight break. In one instance the batsmen have an eye on the clock and fail to create a momentum which can be built upon the next day. There is no continuity between batting after tea and batting after the overnight break. In one instance the batsmen have an eye on the clock and fail to create a momentum which can be built upon the next day. And even then it takes time for the batsmen to settle and adjust on a brand new morning. This theory was borne out in 1968 and 1969 when Royal won the toss and batted first. Except for 1960, when Royal batted first, from the mid-fifties onwards, STC always Royal on the ropes. Equally important is the late afternoon humidity in Colombo in March. Darrell exploited these conditions against the Peterites, who were jaded after fielding for two sessions.

An opportunity for club glory lost

Darrell played infrequently for the Colts after the 1962-63 season, and throughout the sixties, as the chronicler followed the Colts around and witnessed the level of mediocrity reached by the club's first XI he constantly dreamt of what could have been. The chronicler couldn't help but wonder what the Colts could have achieved with Darrell still in the side. Even if he never reproduced the form of 1962-63, he would still have made a difference and the Colts would surely have taken out the Sara trophy at least once in the sixties.

Over a ten-year period, Darrell could have teamed up with fast bowlers such as Samsudeen, Gunaratne, Dharmarajah, Maye, Samarasekera and Robertson. He would have been the rock around which promising fast bowlers could have matured and performed to their full potential. He would have captained and brought much needed discipline to the team. Finally, he could have brought the best talent to the club and ended the club's overreliance on cricketers from St. Anthony's, Wesley and St. Peter's.

But he would have had to have base himself in Colombo to achieve all this. Even though he broke into the Ceylon team while planting in Kalutara his bowling for the Colts didn't quite match the effectiveness of his inaugural year. Hence, it was his venture into planting that set back the Colts. If he planted inswingers as opposed to tea he could have played for the Colts until he was 35. Medium paced bowlers can be effective for a longer period than pace bowlers. The latter lose their effectiveness when with a slight drop in their speed, batsmen can pull them to leg or adjust their strokes. Darrell was more like Bertie Wijesinghe who was capturing wickets in Sara trophy games at the ripe old age of 45.

Quite ironically, Darrell gave up planting and left for Canada in 1976 at the age of 33. In retrospect, he could have taken up a desk job in Colombo and played for the Colts for ten years at least rather than pursue a career in planting, which turned out to be short lived.

Three Colts bowling greats

TOMMY KELAART



DARRELL LIEVERSZ



CHAMINDA VAAS



Courtesy of Darrell Liewersz

Seventy-three years after Tommy Kelaart made his first appearance for the Colts in 1889 at the age of 17, Darrell Liewersz made his appearance for the Colts at the age of 19 years and had a similar impact. If he had continued to play for the Colts, he would surely have had the same influence on the Club's fortunes as Tommy Kelaart did. The Colts had to wait for another 28 years for a bowler to arrive on the scene and take the club to the top and represent the country with distinction in a manner similar to Tommy Kelaart. Chaminda Vaas made his debut for the Colts in 1990 at the age of 16 years. And being a left-arm bowler, he may be considered a reincarnation of the legendary Tommy.