

Sri Lanka in control

COLOMBO Sun Sri Lanka had India struggling again on the opening day of the third and final Test yesterday.

Paceman Saliya Ahanagama took four for 48, including two wickets with consecutive deliveries, as India reached six for 197. Dilip Vengsarkar (62) top scored.

Scoreboard

INDIA	
First innings	
SHASTRI (Madurai) b Dr	6
Me	40
SHRIKANTH (Ahangama)	40
AMARNATH (b D. Anar)	10
Bats	62
VENGSAKAR (Ahangama)	25
AZHARUDDIN (Ahangama)	22
GAVASKAR (not out)	0
DEY (b D. Anangama)	10
BINNY (not out)	7
SUNDRIES (b D. Anar)	197
TOTAL for 6 wickets	180
FALL TO 66 111 161 180	
180	
BOWLING: Dr Me 20 2 82	
Ratnavane 20 5 85 D. Anangama 21 5 48 4. Ratnavane 6 5 11 0	

Brilliant cycle win to Hall

A LOT can happen in 10 years, but once a champion, always a champion. That was demonstrated by Murray Hall in WA's oldest cycling classic on Saturday.

Hall (31) brilliantly won the 174km annual Perth-to-Beverley race in the fastest time of 4hrs 11min 23sec.

It is 10 years since the former Victorian was racing against — and beating — Europe's best amateur cyclists.

He won the British and East German amateur track titles and two silver medals at the 1974 Christchurch Commonwealth Games.

He reigned supreme in Australian amateur cycling for several years be-

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fore turning professional in 1978.

Since then he has won many more titles and major events.

Hall was a member of the hard-working scratch group on Saturday, which trailed the leaders by only one minute at York with 33km to go.

David Sampson rode strongly from 40 minutes to win the Toodyay and Northam town sprints.

The scratch bunch raced to the lead with 15km remaining. Hall broke away entering Beverley 500 metres from the finish and won by 30

metres from John Perkins and Bill C

Other scratch — Gary Buckle, Osmond, Brian and Jim Kryne, finished close behind the placegetters.

Steve Allen finished eighth in 11 minutes, was the

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MELBOURNE — broke the 15-year and Allan Moffat's Castrol 500 endu-

Co-driven by John Player Sports team one-two vic-

The team's second Neville Crichton led for most of the by Longhurst wh-

It was far from 1985 Australian was lapped in the electrical components repair the car tra-

The BMW team attrition rate, with affected in some

Early race leader flying but the big laps when an axi-

Brock then too trouble, his Mobil engine rocker beh-

Behind the two Peter Williamson using an engine w forced the Supra

Experience the key in marathon

PETER Taylor (Midland) disciplined by experience and uncompromising in his strategy outwitted his rivals at Herne Hill yesterday to win his second State marathon.

Taylor (32), cautious of the testing conditions, refused to be drawn by the fast start tactics of John Woolrich (Melville), who had a 400-metre break on him at the 15km mark.

At the 21.1km mark on the two-lap course, Woolrich (1:11.11) took 26:09sec to lead Taylor by 75.4sec. But at the 25km stage the margin was only 45sec.

In the next 5km Taylor swept past Woolrich and set up an unassailable lead.

Taylor won on the same course in 1981.

After Woolrich withdrew at the 35km mark, it was left to veteran Frank Smith (43) and newcomer Chris McGonell (30) to sort out the minor places.

In warm, sunny conditions, Taylor clocked the good time of 2:26:56.01. Smith second in 2:30:05.2, only 11m outside his 1982 best.

retained the State Veterans title.

Maureen Stewart (Caning Districts), who started in the race for a 20-mile training run, then decided to finish and cut 21min off her previous best to clock 3:08:04.00. Paula Vaalsta (veterans) finished second in the women's division in 3:43:59.00.

New York nun Sister Madonna (55), with a current affairs show TV crew recording her race, finished third in 4:02:06.00.

Four in row to Pressley

JOHN Pressley continued his domina-

tion, winning the 1985 Perth-to-Beverley