Ntini alone does Eng in

Cricket

AFP, *London*

Makhaya Ntini took ten wickets in a Test for the first time in his career as South Africa crushed England by an innings and 92 runs in the second Test at Lord's here Sunday.

Ntini took five for 145 to go with his first innings haul of five for 75 when England were dismissed for just 173.

That gave him final figures of 10 for 220 as England were bowled out for 417 in reply to South Africa's record 682 for six declared.

In the process Border fast bowler Ntini became the first South African to take 10 wickets in a Lord's Test.

The result saw South Africa go 1-0 up in the five match series after the drawn first Test at Edgbaston.

Andrew Flintoff entertained a capacity, sun-drenched crowd with a Test best 142, his first Test hundred in England and second in all but the all-rounder's dashing innings just delayed the inevitable.

He was last man out, stumped by Mark Boucher off left-arm spinner Paul Adams, having faced 146 balls and having hit five sixes and 18 fours.

England had been 343 for seven at tea but lost their eighth wicket ten balls afterwards.

Darren Gough went for his interval score of 14, driving fast bowler Shaun Pollock to Adams at cover.

Flintoff, 84 not out at the break, straight drove Ntini for four to go to 95 and a pulled four off the paceman gave him his hundred.

But at the other end Stephen Harmison (seven) became Ntini's fifth wicket of the innings when he edged to Andrew Hall in the slips.

Flintoff though carried on regardless lofting Hall and Pollock for huge sixes.

He took 20 off one Pollock over although the fifth ball saw the former captain fail to cling on to a fiercely hit caught and bowled chance.

Flintoff, batting in typically aggressive fashion, had already pulled Ntini for two sixes in four balls, despite having got out hooking against the paceman in the first innings.

Ntini split Flintoff's bat with one delivery but the powerful Lancastrian refused to be cowed.

Earlier Ntini took two wickets in four balls in the last over before lunch, removing veterans Nasser Hussain (61) and Alec Stewart (nought).

Hussain, who resigned the England captaincy after the drawn series opener at Edgbaston, wastefully gave his wicket away when he became the latest English batsman to get out trying to hook Ntini.

The ball went straight up in the air and wicketkeeper Boucher took the easy catch.

Then, two balls later, 40-year-old wicketkeeper Stewart, England most's capped player, saw his last Test innings at Lord's end with a duck when he edged a fine Ntini delivery to Andrew Hall at second slip.

And the third ball after lunch saw Anthony McGrath go without adding to his 13 when he edged Pollock to Boucher leaving England 208 for six.

In the first session Mark Butcher and Hussain offered resistance with a third wicket stand of 126.

However, on 70, Butcher donated his wicket when he clipped Hall straight to Gary Kirsten at square leg.

PHOTO: AFP

BATTERED BAT: England's Andrew Flintoff signals for the replacement of his broken bat at Lord's on August 3.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between England and South Africa at Lord's here Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 173 (M Ntini 5-75, A Hall 3-18)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 682 for 6 declared (G Smith 259, G Kirsten 108, B Dippenaar 92, M Boucher 68)

ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 129-2)

Trescothick c Adams b Ntini	23
Vaughan c Pollock b Hall	29
Butcher c Kirsten b Hall	70
Hussain c Boucher b Ntini	61
McGrath c Boucher b Pollock	13
Stewart c Hall b Ntini	0
Flintoff st Boucher b Adams	142
Giles c Pollock b Ntini	23
Gough c Adams b Pollock	14
Harmison c Hall b Ntini	7
Anderson not out	4
Extras: (b-5, lb-6, w-3, nb-17)	31
Total: (All out in 107.1 overs)	417

Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-60, 3-186, 4-208, 5-208, 6-208, 7-297, 8-344, 9-371

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	29	7	105	2
Ntini	31	5	145	5
Hall	24	6	66	2
Adams	20.1	1	74	1
Pretorius	3	0	16	0

Result: South Africa won by an innings and 92 runs and take 1-0 lead in the five-Test series.

Men-of-the-match: Graeme Smith and Makhaya Ntini

Toss: South Africa

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Darrell Hair (Australia)

Ctg Mohammedan

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stood tall under the bar.

He thwarted at least half a dozen Muktijoddha attempts and during the last twenty minutes it was virtually one man versus a sea of red.

The Chittagong booters however dominated their mighty opponents in the first half much to the delight of over ten thousand football-starved fans in the southwestern metropolitan city.

Although Khulna has hogged the headlines in recent times more for the terrorist activities of various outlawed groups, the city nevertheless is bubbling with the arrival of the NFL show.

Chittagong Mohammedan came close to scoring in the 12th minute. But Apu's header was brilliantly fisted away by Muktijoddha's reserve custodian Biplob.

Muktijoddha Sangsad without three regular players -- number one goalkeeper Aminul, central defender Sujon and midfielder Motiur Munna -- struggled to strike the balance.

Earlier, Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Shaikh Tayebur Rahman inaugurated the five-day carnival as the chief guest. BFF general secretary Anwarul Huq Helal and deputy commissioner of Khulna and ex-officio president of Khulna District Sports Association Mohammad Restadul Islam were also present.

Masud Parvez Kaiser of Chittagong Mohammedan was adjudged man-of-the-match.

With this win Chittagong Mohammedan's joined Abahani Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Army in second position in the Group B table, all having four points from three games.

Muktijoddha on the other hand stayed at the top with nine points despite the stunning defeat in the fourth and final game.

TEAMS

CHITTAGONG MOHAMMEDAN: Raju, Shafiqul Islam, Kingshuk, Faisal, Israfil, Shawkat, Abul Hossain, Shahajuddin Tipu, Parvez, Tapu and Masud Pervez Kaiser.

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD: Biplob, Pradip (captain), Charles Ghansha, Rajani, Pavel Mahmud, Lajuk, Arman, Rakib, No No, Alfaz and Moni.

Referee: Tayebur Rahman.

PHOTO: AFP

Hong Kong action star Jackie Chan and China's former table tennis world champion, Deng Yaping (L), arrive for the unveiling of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games logo at a ceremony in Beijing's Temple of Heaven on August 3.

Henman's Washington glory

Tennis

AFP, *Washington*

Britain's Tim Henman ended a 19-month ATP title drought here Sunday, defeating Chilean fourth seed Fernando Gonzalez 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the 600,000-dollar Washington Classic.

In his first tour final since last year at Queen's, 38th-ranked Henman weathered a pair of rain delays and the hard-hitting style of his South American foe for his first title since January of 2002 at Adelaide.

Henman, who lost six of his first eight matches of the year after right shoulder surgery last November, won his 10th career title in his first hardcourt final since last year at Indian Wells.

"I lost a couple of finals in the United States, so I was keen to get a win on American soil and my 10th title, so it's a special day for me," Henman said.

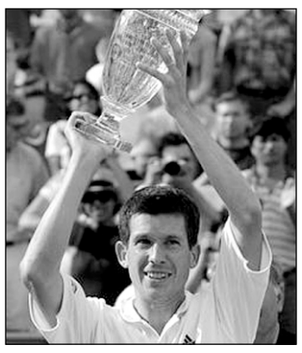
Gonzalez, coming off a semi-final upset of world number one Andre Agassi that he called the greatest win of his career, fell to 2-2 lifetime against Henman but will have a chance to avenge the loss rather quickly.

"We play in the first round next week at Montreal, so he will have a chance at revenge," Henman said.

French Open quarterfinalist Gonzalez, who turned 23 last Tuesday, reached his first ATP hardcourt final and first final of the year after winning titles on clay in 2000 at Orlando and last year at Vina del Mar and Palermo.

Henman scored five consecutive points to break Gonzalez in the opening game of the second set, aided by three errant backhands from the South American.

Gonzalez, who had a trainer work on his lower back at the start of the third game, saved three match points on his serve in the ninth game.



TIM HENMAN

Henman, 28, netted a forehand on the first. Gonzalez smacked a backhand winner down the line to deny Henman on the second and another backhand winner to rescue the third. Gonzalez then hit two service winners to pull within 5-4.

Serving for the match, Henman landed a forehand drop volley to reach his fourth championship point, then finally converted with a serve and volley winner to take the title just moments before showers returned.

Threatening black skies and a thunderclap greeted the players as they took the court. Henman held serve in the opening game and Gonzalez was serving after the first deuce when rain halted the match after just six minutes.

Vaughan ready

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"You can't say it had no effect but it doesn't explain how we gave away so many soft dismissals."

And former Zimbabwe captain Fletcher said he could not promise any quick cures for England's ills ahead of Trent Bridge where the third Test starts on August 14.

"I've played the game. You can't say something to the batsman and then he's Brian Lara; you can't say something to the bowler and he's Michael Holding.

"Cricket is a very difficult game. For nine tenths of our season we play on green tops where the ball seams. When you play on flat wickets you have to bowl a different line and length."

The England squad for the third Test will be announced next weekend.

'Umpire Dunne's Story'

Cricket

RICINFO, *Wellington*

Retired New Zealand umpire Steve Dunne has spilled the beans about his silence during the Muttiah Muralitharan throwing controversy at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1995.

Dunne, has written a book, 'Alone in the Middle: An Umpire's Story' with Otago Daily Times sportswriter Brent Edwards which is due to be published by Penguin New Zealand next week.

An extract was published in the newspaper on Monday and contained Dunne's side of his controversial silence during the match. He recounted that he was standing at square leg when Muralitharan came on to bowl and was called for no-balls by Australian umpire Darrell Hair.

Hair walked across to Dunne and said to him: "Those no-balls were not for foot faults."

Dunne described the mounting tension and said in hindsight his view was: "Here was a cricket controversy of the first magnitude." Dunne said Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga left the field and then came out and put Muralitharan on at Dunne's end.

"The atmosphere was electric. When spinners bowled, my method had always been to stand as close to the stumps as possible, because the closer you got the more likely you were to be able to pick up a bat-pad nick. I would have got a better view of Muralitharan's arm by standing back, but I elected not to change the habit I had formed and which had served me well during my umpiring career.

"There were many thoughts going through my mind. What do I do? Do I support Darrell Hair because he has called Muralitharan and do I call him as well? Or do I support what I believe, which was what we had discussed and decided at a conference in Coventry earlier this year?"

That conference had decided in the case of a suspect action that the matter would be reported to the match referee who would have the action filmed and sent to the International Cricket Council.

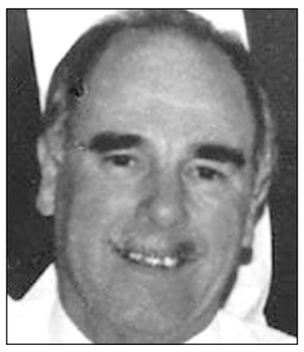
That had been the procedure followed during a tournament in Sharjah where Muralitharan had been playing and where he was the subject of a discussion between Hair, Dunne, English umpire Nigel Plews and match referee Raman Subba Row.

"Nigel, Darrell and I were unanimous in our belief that Muralitharan had a problem," Dunne wrote. "We told Dav Whatmore [coach] what we'd done and said that Sri Lanka should take remedial action because Muralitharan could have problems down the track.

"The short answer was that, during that dramatic day in Melbourne, I stuck to what had been agreed on and did not call him. The atmosphere between Darrell and me when we returned to the dressing room at stumps was, needless to say, cool. I have great respect for Darrell as an umpire and person. He is someone I've always got on very well with and still do."

Dunne continued by saying calling a player for throwing was virtually saying he couldn't play the game, and that was too "Godlike". He said he came under pressure from the media for not backing Hair up, but he countered by believing he had done the right thing.

"My argument was that he had played in about 30 Tests at the time, he had been watched by numerous umpires, and only one had called him. They were now telling me I was wrong by not supporting that one and disagreeing with the others."



STEVE DUNNE

Dunne recalled at the end of the match, the match referee, New Zealander Graham Dowling, had called him into his hotel room and asked why he hadn't called Muralitharan for throwing. Australian captain Mark Taylor had implied in his match report that Dunne was more concerned about standing in the next World Cup.

"That was absolute rubbish and made me very angry," Dunne said.

"I still wouldn't call Muralitharan for throwing if I was umpiring him today. As I said before, I don't believe it's possible to do so with the naked eye and I wouldn't want to play God. But I would report him to the match referee on suspicion that his action might not be fair. He is a unique bowler, in more ways than one, and I suspect that problems he poses both to officialdom and opposition batsmen won't go away. They lie in the too-hard basket. It is not his fault, but he has caused more arguments than any player of the past decade. We don't seem to be any closer to a solution now than when Darrell Hair first called out 'no ball' in 1995."

Dunne also recalled the evening he stood in a one-day international in his home town Dunedin when Pakistan fast man Shoaib Akhtar unleashed a torrid display of fast bowling. Dunne, and his fellow umpire Doug Cowie, reported Akhtar to match referee Ranjan Madugalle because they weren't completely happy with his action.

"I might as well make my position clear about Akhtar. I don't believe he is a chucker, despite the fact that I, along with Doug, signed the report asking for his action to be investigated. I've seen the subsequent report produced by the University of Western Australia and it explains what he does with his arm, and that he doesn't throw," Dunne said.

Making of Makhaya

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looking for raw talent.

Those men were Border Cricket Board academy and coaching manager Greg Hayes and Border Bears assistant coach Raymond Booi who discovered Ntini in 1992 at a match at Mdingi Village outside King William's Town.

"We gave him a chance to bowl and we were so impressed by his speed. We told ourselves this was a Proteas bowler in the making," Booi said.

"During those days Ntini was bowling barefoot. I gave him my old training shoes to bowl with until Hayes bought him new ones."

A year later Ntini made the Border under-15 cricket side which played the English under-15 team which were touring South Africa.

The two men helped Ntini get into Dale College in King William's Town and they have supported him throughout his career.

However, they do not take all of the credit for discovering the bowler saying that "many people helped in bringing him to where he is now. The community support, players, Border Cricket and South Africa in general have made him what he is."

"Give Ntini about three more years, he will be at his peak," said Hayes.

England, and the rest of the Test playing nations, have been warned.

Henin beats tired Clijsters

Tennis

AFP, *San Diego*

Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne overcame fatigued countrywoman Kim Clijsters 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, on Sunday to capture the 1 million-dollar WTA hardcourt tournament here.

The third-seeded Henin-Hardenne matched Clijsters for the WTA Tour lead with her fifth title of the year. She has defeated her Fed Cup teammate in three of their last four meetings, including the French Open in June, to pull within 6-8 in the rivalry. "I'm very happy right now. It's been an amazing week," said Henin-Hardenne, who sprinked five aces over the 1hr, 49min match.

"I'm so happy to win the title here on hard courts, it means a lot of things for me. I'm very proud of what I did this week." Seeded second, Clijsters appeared nearly invincible en route to the final, dropping just 14 games at the La Costa Resort and Spa. And it looked like another blowout after she grabbed a 4-0 lead and coasted to a one-set lead.

"I think I started off really well. I just ran out of gas a little bit in the second and third," said Clijsters, the world number two who finished the match with a total of 48 unforced errors.

After receiving a five-minute injury timeout to treat a recurring blister on her right foot, Henin-Hardenne found her mark with blazing groundstrokes. She mixed in several deft drop shots to level the match.

JUSTINE HENIN-HARDENNE

Henin-Hardenne, 21, stayed aggressive in the decisive set but was unable to get a service break until the eighth game, when she went ahead, 5-3, as Clijsters netted a forehand.

Henin-Hardenne served out the match at love with a gorgeous drop shot, ending the come-from-behind win in 1 hour, 49 minutes. She earned 165,500 dollars for her 11th career title, while Clijsters picked up 94,500 dollars for her fifth runner-up finish this year.

Coria's third

AFP, *Sopot*

Argentina's Guillermo Coria won his third successive ATP tour title when he beat David Ferrer of Spain 7-5, 6-1 to clinch the Sopot clay court title here on Sunday.

The third-seed became the first player to achieve the triple since Austria's Thomas Muster in 1996.

It was also his fourth title of the season after wins in Hamburg, Stuttgart and Kitzbuhel.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I RECKON IF A COLLEGE WERE BUILT FOR DOGS, GRADS WOULD EARN BARKALAUREATE DEGREES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals B

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Smith hails

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first time, faces the task of lifting his demoralised side.

"We never got into the match. We have a lot to learn and a lot of hard work to do now," said Vaughan.

"We have to pick ourselves up and put in a better display at Trent Bridge.

"I congratulate South Africa, but we were just not good enough over the four days."

Vaughan added: "We weren't as hungry as they were in this match. Our shot selection was poor, the disciplines with our bowling weren't right and our catching was not up to scratch."

But Vaughan took some consolation from all-rounder Andrew Flintoff's blistering 142 which delayed South Africa's march to victory on Sunday.

"That will definitely give him a boost. His shot selection was outstanding, he picked the right balls to hit," said Vaughan of an innings which featured five sixes and 18 fours.

And Vaughan thrust into the Test captaincy after Hussain's resignation at Edgbaston on Monday insisted: "It's still a huge honour to captain your country."

John's point

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ideas and sayings of philosopher Edward de Bono and ancient Chinese warrior Sun Tzu, has won over his players and got them doing new things, new routines.

He has also suggested ambidextrous batsmen and bowlers who can mix spin and pace effectively.

"The beauty of this side is that they're willing to look at change and why that change is necessary and then go through with it," he said on Monday.

He also tries to get players to look outside the team, and outside cricket, to broaden their minds and look for new ideas.

Ahead of a third straight World Cup in 2007, Buchanan said it was important for Australia not to rest but look for further improvement.

"The only difficulty is if players don't look ahead ... you've got to live in the present in terms of the next one-day match or next Test but definitely one of the roles of the coach is to look to the future, it's about putting things in place so you can control the future."

Open tennis

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Mizan 6-1, 5-7, 6-1, Pritul beat Shahariar 6-1, 1-6, 6-2 and Hira Lal beat Murad 6-2, 6-4.

Maj (retd) Yead and Maj (retd) Shams pair defeated Dr Rashid Uddin and Dr Jahir pair in the veteran's doubles event to reach the last eight.

Ferreira topples Hewit

Tennis

AFP, *Los Angeles*

Former Olympic bronze medallist Wayne Ferreira captured his 15th career singles title, upsetting Australian Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 in Sunday's final of the 380,000 Los Angeles ATP event.

The 31-year-old South African blasted 19 aces in defeating the tournament's top seed and 2002 Wimbledon champ. He picked up 52,000 dollars in first-place prize money.

"I am over the moon," said Ferreira, whose last tournament title came via a victory over then 19-year-old Hewitt indoors in Stuttgart in 2000.

"I played great tennis. I knew I would have to work extremely hard to overpower him."

Ferreira survived three match points in the 10th game of the third set before closing it out with an ace two games later in front of about 3,000 fans at the UCLA tennis stadium.

Ferreira was the oldest player in the draw, but he didn't look like it this week.

He is the first South African to win the tournament, joining past champions Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg and Rod Laver.

WAYNE FERREIRA

"There is not a bad player on that list, and to be up on that winners' board is a real privilege," he said.

Ferreira jackhammered his way through the more difficult side of the draw before facing Hewitt. He beat No. 2 seed Sebastien Grosjean of France in the quarterfinals before knocking off hard-serving fifth seed Mark Philippoussis in the semis.

Ferreira broke Hewitt in the eighth game of the first set and the 11th game of the second but it was the three match points he staved off in the third set that propelled him to victory.

"He was just too good on the big points, especially on his service games," said Hewitt, who was playing in his first tournament since his shocking first-round loss at Wimbledon to Croatian qualifier Ivo Karlovic.

"He was cracking everything and I should have taken my chances on the match points."

Ferreira won the bronze medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics becoming the first South African to win an Olympic medal in 32 years.