

Spaniard Carlos Moya holds his country's national flag after beating Gaston Gaudio of Argentina in the Davis Cup semifinal on Sunday.

Davis Cup

Australia, Spain showdown



AFP, Malaga

Spain and Australia will meet in the Davis Cup final for the second time in four years as both scored 3-2 semifinal victories on Sunday

The Spanish hero was Carlos Moya who kept his cool against Gaston Gaudio in the deciding match against Argentina to win in straight sets 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 following a shock defeat for World No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero.

For Australia, Lleyton Hewitt was the man that mattered coming back from the dead to defeat Wimbledon champion Roger Federer 5-7, 2-6, 7-6 (7/4), 7-

Australia, who lost in Barcelona in 2000, will start the November 28-30 final as favourites as they are expected to elect to play on Melbourne grasscourts, the least favourite surface for the Spanish claycourt specialists.

Moya put Spain through with his second singles victory of the match.

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home crowd who had been stunned to see Ferrero lose in straight sets 6-4, 7-5, 6-1 to journeyman Agustin Calleri in the first of the reverse singles to level the

Ferrero and Moya had won both the opening day singles Friday, but Calleri and Lucas Arnold kept the suspense going Saturday with a 6-3, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2

win over Alex Corretia and Albert Costa. Moya steadied the Spanish ship from the start comfortably winning the first

The second set was closer but once Moya had taken that there was no way back for Gaudio and he dropped his opening service game of the third set as the Spaniard sped to victory. "I've always dreamed of a moment

like this," said Moya

"I just played so well, so focused, It was incredible. This has done wonders for my confidence.

"The Australians will be out for revenge (for the 2000 Davis Cup final). We will not be the favourites, but we will go there and give our all."

Calleri, who was outstanding in the doubles, was brought into the singles action to replace Mariano Zabaleta after

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being overlooked Friday in the opening

Even so, the 27-year-old was given little chance of defeating Ferrero who rose to the top spot in the world this year by winning the French Open and reaching the US Open final.

"It's the biggest win of my career," said an emotional Calleri. "To beat the world No 1, everything

went right for me today. "I think he was shattered when he lost those set points in the second set. Any player would have been affected. I

was able to take advantage of that and stayed 100 per cent concentrated." Spain will play in their fourth Davis Cup final and each time it has been against Australia. The Spaniards won in

2000, but lost in 1965 and 1967 when Manuel Santana was their kingpin. A never-say-die Hewitt clawed back from two sets and 3-5 down against Federer to render the final reverse

singles meaningless. Switzerland's Michel Kratochvil won the dead final singles rubber when Todd Woodbridge, a replacement for Mark Philippoussis, retired after the Swiss player won the opening set 6-4.

Australia won the tie 3-2.

Federer dazzled Hewitt in the opening two and a half sets, but his torrid schedule of three matches in as many days began to tell and the leg-weary former Wimbledon and US Open champion embarked on a courageous $fight back \, to \, pull \, back \, from \, the \, brink.$

Hewitt's exhilarating victory halted Federer's unbeaten run of 10 singles matches in Davis Cup and 31 winning sets and ended Switzerland's dream of a first-ever Cup title after reaching the final against the United States in 1992.

It was Hewitt's eighth win in 10

encounters with Federer, the world number three, and puts his Davis Cup singles record to 22-5. "This beats the hell out of winning

the US Open and Wimbledon, I tell you right now," Hewitt told the crowd moments after his euphoric victory. "It's an incredible feeling, I've

dreamt of playing these matches ... I watched Pat Cash against (Sweden's) Mikael Pernfors over at Kooyong (in 1986) come back after being two sets to

Zimbabwe

Gripper, noted for his stubbornness. fashioned a character-laden 60 in the inaugural Test between the countries.

The broad-shouldered Streak will also carry a massive load with the ball. A world-class paceman with 187

Test scalps, he may well be in his element at the WACA Ground, where the early-season turf should provide plenty of encouragement for speedsters in the opening Test. Streak can expect wholehearted

pace support from all-rounder Andy Blignaut, whose first 10 Tests have earned a creditable 34 wickets at an average of 32.73. Zimbabwe open their campaign with

a one-day match against a Cricket Australia Chairman's X1 at Lilac Hill Park, near here, on October 1 and meet Western Australia in a three-day clash starting two days later.

SQUAD

Heath Streak (captain), Andy Blignaut, Gary Brent, Stuart Carlisle, Dion Ebrahim, Sean Ervine, Craig Evans, Gavin Ewing, Trevor Gripper, Douglas Hondo, Stewart Matsikenyeri, Ray Price, Tatenda Taibu, Mark Vermeulen, Craig Wishart.

Kiwis land

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Talk of revenge and bad blood doesn't come into it. I can't see the issue. Touring India is always a challenge and always has been.'

On New Zealand's last tour of India in 1999, Fleming's men lost the Test series 1-0, but a creditable show in Sri Lanka earlier this year suggests the Kiwis are getting used to Asian condi-

New Zealand warded off the threat from Sri Lanka's star spinner Muttiah Muralitharan to draw both Tests, with Fleming leading the way with a memo $rable\,274\,not\,out\,in\,the\,first\,Test.$

Fleming said the experience of playing in Sri Lanka will help the team perform well in India, even though the hosts have two good spinners in Harbhajan Singh and Anil Kumble.

TEST SQUAD

Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Ian Butler, Robbie Hart, Richard Jones, Michael Mason, Craig McMillan, Jacob Oram, Mark Richardson, Scott Styris, Daryl Tuffey, Daniel Vettori, Lou Vincent, Paul

Sachin, Murali top ODI stars

REUTERS, London

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AFP, Manila

Distance runner Sun Yingjie struck gold for the second time as China left the rest of the field flailing at the Asian athletics championships here Monday.

The 24-year-old from Beijing, who is plotting to supplant her friend Wang Junxia as the best middle distance runner China has ever produced, picked up from her 10,000-meter win on Saturday to capture the women's 5,000-

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guys like Rajin are around."

The inspirational coach was look

ing forward to unearth some new talents of pedigree with the home series against England just around the

"I will definitely give a long look into the under-19's training and their practice matches against England. That will be very interesting thing to watch. Some of the youngsters should get out there and play well against good opposition," said the Bangladesh

The mentor of Sri Lanka's World Cup triumph conceded that his Bangladesh assignment could be a bumpy ride but believed that his twoyear contract was adequate enough to mould the fledgling cricket nation into a force to reckon with. "We came very close to wining on

two occasions but still we haven't crossed that barrier. I know this is just the start of my two-year term with the Bangladesh Cricket Board and there is a lot of water to flow under the bridge vet. But it doesn't ease the frustration. 'I understand how important it is

for the people of Bangladesh to have something to feel good about and the national team winning matches can give just that. I'm painfully aware of it and I think and hope that we have given them some causes to be optimistic in the near future about this team starting to convert hard work into victories."

Whatmore declined to make any comment on his under-pressure captain Khaled Mahmud but suggested that Bangladesh should pick a team first and then select a captain from the announced squad.

"I'm not sure about the present policy of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB). But if you ask my opinion, I would always prefer to pick the captain from a selected team," he added. The BCB at present follows the policy of fixing the captain first before naming the rest of the squad.

Whatmore's team will fly home on Wednesday morning.

Performance

Cup in April.

"If you look back at our tour of Australia the improvement graph has gone up and I hope that players cash in on the experiences earned in Australia and Pakistan in our home series against England."

England will play two Tests and three one-day games in Bangladesh next month.

Mahmud pinpointed batsman Rajin Saleh as Bangladesh's best player of the tour saying he had adopted well to both Test and one-day cricket. "Rajin Saleh is the find of the Pakistan tour." There was praise from Pakistan's

coach Javed Miandad, who said the visitors performed beyond expecta-"Bangladesh was not the team we

were expecting, they did not allow us to win easily," said Miandad. "The way they have played here I

think they will create a lot of problems Pakistan skipper Inzamamul Haq

praised the spirit of the Bangladesh

"I think in some of the matches they really made us fight hard for a win," he said. "They have shown definite improvement on this tour."

Sun shines for China



AFP, Los Angeles

Sun Wen, the Golden Ball winner and leading scorer of the 1999 Women's World Cup, picked up where she left off, scoring the lone goal in China's 1-0 Group D victory over Ghana on Sunday After taking a throw-in on the left

side. Bai Jie raced quickly toward the goal line and sent a cross to the far post. As goalkeeper Memunatu Sulemana jumped, the ball sailed beyond her reach and a leaping Sun headed the ball home in the 29th minute.

China who finished second to the United States four years ago, made sure the goal stood up behind a rock solid defense and goalkeeper Zhao Yan.

Sun, who has said she will retiring from football after the Cup, also produced a key defensive play, blocking Alberta Sackey's free kick with her face in the 57th minute. Sun fell to the ground and laid motionless before quickly getting up and resuming play before a crowd of 10.027 at the Home Depot Center in the Los Angeles sub-China had hoped to be opening

their 2003 campaign in front of home

fans. But the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) prompted FIFA to move the tourna-

ment to the United States. Instead China will host the 2007

In the first game of the Carson doubleheader, Elena Fomina made up for missing a penalty, connecting for the winning goal in the 89th minute to boost Russia to a 2-1 Group D triumph over Australia in a game that could go a long way to determine which country reaches the quarter-finals.

Formina took a penalty kick in the 71st minute that she rattled off the crossbar. She had an opportunity to atone for her mistake as time was running out in regulation, firing home a Galina Komarova feed from 20 yards past a diving goalkeeper Cassandra

Australia, which has never won a World Cup match, had taken a 1-0 edge as Kelly Golebiowski converted a rebound of Danielle Small's shot in the 37th minute.

The Russians, however, equalized a minute later on an own goal by Australian defender Dianne Alagich. Russian defender Marian Saenko took a free kick that deflected off the right

shin of Alagich past Kell. In Washington, the United States opened their bid for a third Women's World Cup title with a 3-1 win over

Sweden in Group A. Mia Hamm, well-known for her scoring abilities, turned playmaker, setting up all three goals for the defend-

pass for the first goal of the match in the $27 th\,minute.\,She\,added\,a\,pair\,of\,corner$

Hamm sent Kristine Lilly the final

ing champions.

by Cindy Parlow in the 36th minute and Shannon Boxx in the 78th minute. Boxx, a defensive midfielder, became the first US player to score in her first

three international matches. Victoria Svensson closed scored Sweden's lone goal in the 58th minute.

But the hosts suffered a severe blow when central defender Brandi Chastain, who scored the gamewinning penalty in the shoot-out in the 1999 final, broke a bone in her right foot. Chastain will miss at least the rest of the opening round and could be sidelined longer. She suffered the injury in the first half and was replaced at halftime by newcomer Cat Reddick.

In the second game of the double header in Washington, Brazil joined Norway atop the Group B table, shutting down World Cup newcomers South Korea 3-0.

Katia, who had a benign tumor removed weeks before the start of the tournament, scored twice within a seven-minute span in the second half to put the game away. Katia beat goalkeeper Kim Jung-Mi in the 55th and 62nd minutes.

Marta converted a penalty in the 14th minute following a Korean hand-

After two off days, the tournament resumes with four matches on Wednesday. In Group B action in Washington, Norway face Brazil in a match that could well decide the outcome of the group, and France meet

In Group C play in Columbus, Ohio, group leader Germany take on Japan and Canada play Argentina

Roddick saves US

Germany relegated

Tennis

The United States ensured they will remain among the elite nations in the Davis Cup when Andy Roddick secured victory over Slovakia but Germany suffered a humiliating relegation after defeat to Belarus on Sunday.

Roddick, the recently crowned US Open champion and world number two, played replacement Karol Beck off the court in Bratislava to win 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 and ensure the Americans retained their $World\,Group\,berth.\,The\,tie\,ended\,3-2.$ Slovakia's captain Miloslav Mecir

decided to field Beck against Roddick instead of Karol Kucera who, Mecir claimed, was suffering from fatigue after falling to Mardy Fish on Friday. "Beck's nomination surprised me,"

Roddick said. "In fact I don't really understand why the Slovakian captain named him. I know him very well from our junior days which helped a lot." Rainer Schuttler, Germany's best

tennis player and ranked in the world top 10, lost his decisive match 3-6, 5-7, 3-6 against Belarus' Max Mirnyi in Sundern, near Dortmund, to confirm

Germany's relegation from the top 16 teams in world tennis

"I played poorly and I know that," said Schuttler after Germany lost the tie 3-2. "Perhaps I just wanted it too much."

The last time Germany dropped out

of the Davis Cup elite was in 1982 when defeat in Buenos Aires. Britain's marathon tie against Morocco meanwhile hangs in the

balance at 2-2 and Hicham Arazi and Greg Rusedski must complete their match on Monday after bad light stopped play in Casablanca with the Moroccan leading 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (9/7). Tim Henman had produced one of

his best performances of the year to defeat Younes El Aynaoui 6-3, 6-7 (4/7), 7-6(7/5)6-4 to level the tie at 2-2. Henman predicted Rusedski would

put shake off a nagging back injury and fatigue when play resumed at 1100 GMT "Tomorrow's a different day and

Greg can win two sets, no doubt about Of his own performance, Henman said: "This will probably go down as my best Davis Cup win. To play the way I did

and keep this tie alive means a lot to

South African cricket bosses will meet in

SA to discuss

revival of

Pak tour

Johannesburg Tuesday to discuss reviving the cancelled tour to Pakistan, the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa said Monday

The UCB said its chief executive, Gerald

Majola, had received a letter from his counterpart at the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Rameez Raja, offering alternative "Gerald Majola is to convene a meeting

of the management committee of UCB in Johannesburg on Tuesday to discuss the PCB proposal and to receive a full briefing from security consultants," the UCB said in The Proteas called off their tour to

Pakistan on Saturday after a bomb blast in an empty Karachi office building on Friday night. No one was injured in the explosion. The decision to call off the tour was made one day before the South African

team were due to depart for a three-match one-day series and three Test series. The UCB offered to either play the

series outside Pakistan or delay the tour $until\,security\,improved.$ The PCB has refused to play the series

Its new fixtures exclude Karachi and have the option of excluding Peshawar. The UCB committee will consult with the South African government, national coach Eric Simons and cantain Graeme Smith before

"We made a decision on Saturday, based on information from our security consultants who had also been in contact with intelligence agencies," Majola added.

Pakistan, Japan

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side chance of sneaking into the last four. Japan took the lead in the 8th minute

when Naohiko Tobita sneaked in from the blind side to slot the ball past Malaysian goalkeeper Mohd Nasihin Nubli Ibrahim. Even that did not wake the home side

out of their slumber and they went 2-0 down in the 18th minute when Mohd Amin Abd Rahim lost possession of the ball and that allowed Ryuji Furusato to move into the semi circle where his attempt at goal came off the body of S Kuhan. Umpire Chen De Kang of China had

no hesitation in awarding a penalty stroke from which Tobita converted with

The closest Malaysia came to reducing the deficit was three minutes before

halftime when Tajol Roslie Mohammad's deflection came off the upright.

Japan had an opportunity to increase

their lead when they were awarded

another penalty stroke in the 48th

minute. But this time Tobita failed to get the better of Nasihin who moved to his right to save the attempt. Skipper S. Kuhan made good Malaysia's sixth penalty corner attempt as his low flick came off Japanese goal-

keeper Yasuhiro Nobui to reduce the deficit to 2-1 in the 55th minute. But Japan were not to be undone and they weathered consistent Malaysian pressure before driving a dagger deep into the Malaysian hearts when Takahito Yamabori converted a penalty corner in

the 63rd minute.

PCB threatens FROM PAGE 13

to the tour.

a final decision is made.

Zia also raised the mugging of two Pakistani cricketers in Johanneshurg during a tour in 1998. That tour contin-"The crime rate in Johannesburg is

far more than anywhere else but teams

visit South Africa regularly," he said, adding the Pakistani government had assured top level security to visiting PCB chief executive Rameez Raia

said South African referee Mike Procter. who has been in Pakistan for the past five weeks for the Pakistan-Bangladesh series, had promised to help revive the

"I have talked to Procter who has promised to talk to cricket officials in South Africa to convince them for a rescheduled tour," Raja told reporters Sunday.



Members of the West End High School, who became champions in the second national school taekwondo competition, receive the trophy from State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman yesterday.

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