

Patience pays off



AFP, Adelaide

Wickets have been hard to come by for Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble in Australia and perseverance paid off with five wickets in the second Test at the Adelaide Oval here on Saturday.

The 79-Test veteran claimed three wickets in five balls, including Ricky Ponting for 242, in his 43rd over to finish with 5-143 and end Australia's mammoth first innings at 556.

It was his 21st five-wicket haul in Test cricket, but his first in Australia, where in his previous tour in 1999-2000, he managed just five wickets at an average of 90.

"It's one of those things, you reap the rewards the next day after putting in all the hard work the day before. I didn't do anything differently," Kumble said after Saturday's play.

Fletcher for repeat act

AFP, Kandy

England coach Duncan Fletcher on Saturday said he was hoping his team would put up another determined effort to save the second Test against Sri Lanka here.

"It's going to be a very difficult day tomorrow but I think the guys must take heart out of what they did in the last Test and do the same if not better," said Fletcher.

England, who set a target of 368, need to score another 279 runs on the last day with eight wickets in hand.

They are in a situation similar to the opening Test in Galle where they were chasing a 323-run target.

Needing 319 runs to score on the last day with all 10 wickets intact, England batted through the day as Sri Lanka were left just one wicket away from victory.

"The pitch here is pretty similar to the one at Galle. It may dry up a little more tomorrow and we'll just have to see how it plays," said Fletcher.

The coach felt that the not out batsmen, captain Michael Vaughan (50) and former skipper Nasser Hussain (17), were capable of springing a surprise.

"It was nice to see him (Vaughan) get that 50. He looks a lot more confident out there and I just hope he gets one of his big knocks.

Proteas' record

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SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 368-3)

Smith c Lara b Edwards	132			
Gibbs b Collymore	60			
Rudolph c Lara b Drakes	2			
Kallis b Dillon	158			
Van Jaarsveld lbw b Dillon	73			
McKenzie c Jacobs b Edwards	8			
Boucher c Gangab Collymore	27			
Pollock c Jacobs b Hinds	30			
Peterson c Jacobs b Hinds	25			
Nel b Hinds	0			
Ntini not out	22			
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-9, w-4)	24			
Total: (All out in 148.4 overs)	561			
Fall of wkts: 1-149, 2-160, 3-240, 4-372, 5-398, 6-456, 7-510, 8-520, 9-520				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Edwards	27	3	102	2
Dillon	36	7	96	2
Collymore	26	2	118	2
Drakes	29	5	92	1
Ganga	4	0	26	0
Sarwan	9	0	37	0
Hinds	17.4	3	79	3
WEST INDIES: Lara, Gayle, Hinds, Sarwan, Chanderpaul, Ganga, Jacobs, Drakes, Dillon, Collymore, Edwards.				

"We had to be a bit more defensive today, obviously we didn't expect them to get 400 runs yesterday."

Kumble, who has now taken 363 Test wickets, said he needed patience to bowl in Australia.

"It's just experience and probably I have learned a lot more in trying to adapt," he said of his improvement in coping with Australian conditions.

After toiling away for 1-115 from 28 overs on Friday, when Australia amassed 400 for five, he collected 4-39 from his 15 overs on Saturday.

In his final over, he had Ponting caught at slip for 242, then three balls later bowled Brad Williams for a duck before trapping Stuart MacGill leg before wicket first ball to leave him on a hatrick entering the second innings of the Adelaide Test.

Kumble, who is India's second-highest wicket-taker after Kapil Dev (434), said he was learning how to approach his bowling on flat, unhelpful wickets, such as the Adelaide pitch in this Test.

"It's mostly with the field and the approach, having to be a lot more patient, especially on a wicket like this on the first day of a Test match," he said.

"You need a lot of patience and a lot more of a defensive approach in terms of setting fields.

"You're attacking in your bowling but field placements are a lot more defensive."

Kumble, 33, hit the headlines in 1999 when he claimed all 10 wickets in an innings during a Test match against arch-rivals Pakistan in New Delhi, a feat achieved only once before by Jim Laker of England.

Nesta to miss Boca battle



AFP, Yokohama

AC Milan key defender Alessandro Nesta will be sidelined due to an injury against South American counterparts Boca Juniors for the Intercontinental Cup, his coach said Saturday.

"It's certain that Nesta will not play tomorrow's match," Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti said of the 27-year-old Italian international defender, who injured his left knee during his last champions league match.

Striker Filippo Inzaghi, the top goal scorer in the Serie A 1996-98 season, is also doubtful along with Massimo Ambrosini, probably leaving his job to Jon Dahl Tomasson of Denmark.

"Surely it's disappointing for the team," said skipper Paolo Maldini. "But rather than that, it's more disappointing for him, because he played the champions league looking forward to playing the Intercontinental Cup.

"But we have another excellent defender Billy (Alessandro Costacurra's nickname). He always does excellent job whenever he is needed."

For Maldini, it will be his fifth appearance in the World Club Championship enjoining victories in 1989 and 1990. Milan also won in 1969.

"Fortunately I've been able to play for the team for 14 years since

1989 and it will be my fifth time to play for the Intercontinental Cup," said Maldini, 35, who retired from the international scene after the World Cup last year.

"It's not important that I make a record appearance or not. I'm just proud that I've been playing for this team for 14 years. It was difficult to earn a berth in the championship, and it's difficult to do again.

"But Milan are always a strong team. So far as I continue to play for the team, nobody can say this is my



ALESSANDRO NESTA

last appearance in the Intercontinental Cup," added Maldini.

The match will kick off at 7:15 pm (1015 GMT) at the Yokohama stadium, the site of the final between Brazil and Germany in the 2002 World Cup, co-hosted by Japan and South Korea.

Love-lorn Reds

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Munna also believes the team's combative spirit has helped to overcome the absence of six key players.

"We want to play as a team and not as individuals. I think the spirit is very healthy and we are always trying to emphasis on this aspect," said Munna, one of the gifted midfielders of the country.

"Our aim is simple winning the Premier League this year. We had problems at the back after Rajani and Sujon quit but with the inclusion of Papel, Harry and Ghansha that has been solved," revealed Munna.

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD KRIRA CHAKRA SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Aminul Islam, Tito and Zia.

Defenders: Hasan Al-Mamun, Papel, Prodeep, Din Mohammad, Belal, Lajuk, Harry and Riadh.

Midfielders: Matiuir Munna (captain), Bidyut, Saiful, Tushar, Kabir, Ghansha and Gerald.

Forwards: Moni, Kanchan, Tipu and Toe.

Coach: Shafiqul Islam Manik.

India in deep

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Adam Gilchrist, nine overnight, moved to 29 before failing to get hold of a pull shot off Ajit Agarkar and being caught by Sehwaq at deep mid-wicket with the score at 426.

Bichel added 47 for the seventh wicket before he was caught at bat-pad by Chopra off Kumble for 19.

Kumble gained a five-wicket reward for the innings with his dismissals of Ponting, Williams and MacGill in five balls.

Australia's 556 total was scored in 537 minutes off 127 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between Australia and India at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 400-5)

Langer c Sehwaq b Kumble	58			
Hayden c Patel b Pathan	12			
Ponting c Dravid b Kumble	242			
Martyn c Laxman b Nehra	30			
Waugh b Nehra	30			
Katich c Sehwaq b Agarkar	75			
Gilchrist c Sehwaq b Agarkar	29			
Bichel c Chopra b Kumble	19			
Gillespie not out	48			
Williams b Kumble	0			
MacGill lbw b Kumble	0			
Extras: (lb-8, w-1, nb-4)	13			
Total: (All out in 127 overs)	556			
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-135, 3-200, 4-252, 5-390, 6-426, 7-473, 8-556, 9-556				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Agarkar	26	1	119	2
Pathan	27	3	136	1
Nehra	25	3	115	2
Kumble	43	3	154	5
Sehwaq	5	0	21	0
Tendulkar	1	0	3	0

A three-way battle



AFP, Basel

The identity of the 2003 FIFA Player of the Year award will be unveiled here on Monday with three candidates in the frame for the coveted prize Ronaldo, Zinedine Zidane and Thierry Henry.

Ronaldo is no stranger to the award, having won it a record three times.

The Real Madrid striker and Brazil World Cup winner walked off with the prize in 1996, 1997 and last year when he came in ahead of Bayern Munich keeper Oliver Kahn



RONALDO

with Zidane, the winner in 1998 and 2000, in third.

Arsenal hitman Henry in contrast has made it to the final vote for the very first time.

Meanwhile, Arsene Wenger says this year's FIFA Player of the Year award should go to Henry.

Assessing Henry's chances of having his name added to on an illustrious roll of honour Wenger said: "On his individual performances, then, yes, he should win.

"But the biggest step is to have been considered in the top three.

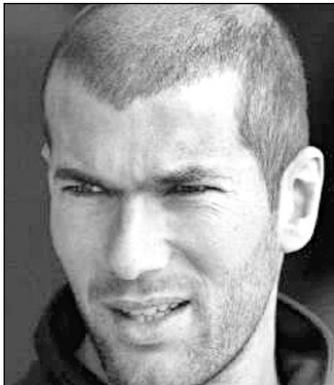
"Between him, Zidane or Ronaldo then it becomes more subjective. There is nothing between them.

"I'm convinced there is even more to come from him. He can improve everywhere, in everything."

FIFA's Player of the Year is determined by a system involving 142 national team coaches who put forward their three favourite players of the year with the first choice worth five points, the second choice three and their last choice one point.

Regardless of how he does on Monday Henry has already bagged one prize this season as he was made Player of the Year by French football magazine Onze ahead of Zidane and David Beckham.

Henry's ability was seen to good



ZINEDINE ZIDANE

effect this week in Arsenal's 2-0 Champions League win over Lokomotive Moscow when two of his exquisite passes set up both goals.

"Massive" was how Wenger assessed Henry's contribution in the victory.

In the women's category United States forward Mia Hamm, who has twice won the title, in 2001 and 2002, is pitted alongside Birgit Prinz, one of Germany's 2003 World Cup winning team, and Sweden's Hanna Ljungberg.

After the award ceremony, the festivities will continue on the field of play with the "Match against Poverty", an initiative organised by

the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the support of FIFA, bringing together Ronaldo, Zidane.

The gala occasion will also see the presentation of a number of other awards, most notably the FIFA Fair Play Award.

Ten years after its launch in 1993, the FIFA Fair Play logo has undergone a makeover with a new slogan, "My Game is Fair Play", reaffirming its message.

Apart from this new wording, the change also reflects FIFA's renewed commitment to fair play and the major social issues in the world today.



THIERRY HENRY

As in the past two years, FIFA president Sepp Blatter will also be presenting the FIFA Presidential Award. The inaugural award honoured Marvin Lee, who was paralysed during a match while captaining the Trinidad & Tobago U-20 team. He sadly passed away in March 2003.

The winner of last year's award was Parminder Nagra, the star of the hit film "Bend It Like Beckham", which told the story of a young girl determined to play football against the wishes of her family.

Finally, the national teams will also be rewarded for their efforts.

Sofia for Liverpool



AFP, Nyon

Former champions Liverpool were handed a UEFA Cup draw against Levski Sofia here on Friday and chief executive Rick Parry looked forward to their clash with the Bulgarian club.

Top clubs in Europe's second-tier competition would have in general been pleased with their third round draws.

Newcastle visit Valerengen of Norway, Liverpool host Levski Sofia, Barcelona travel to Denmark's Brondby, Inter Milan visit Sochaux, Gaziantepspor entertain AS Roma and Celtic, who were ousted in the final minutes from the Champions League on Wednesday by Lyon, host Czech Teplice in first leg matches.

Parry said: "It will be another trip to eastern Europe for us to a new club that we haven't played in recent years."

And on the importance of the competition following a generally disappointing season so far for the Premiership club, he added: "We

were delighted to win this competition in 2001. That was very important for us. It's a competition we take extremely seriously but we take all of them seriously. It's not yet Christmas so we haven't yet written the season off.

"We would love to win the UEFA Cup again but it's not the only competition by any means."

Apart from Gaziantepspor hosting AS Roma, three other Turkish clubs were in action Italy's Parma host Genclerbirligi, Spain's Valencia meet Besiktas, and Galatasaray clash with Villarreal, also of Spain.

Turkish clubs have been in the spotlight lately with European football's governing body ruling that fixtures must be played outside the country following recent bomb attacks.

However Villarreal official Fernando Roig said the club had no problems visiting Turkey on February 26 next year with the second leg on March 3.

Roig said: "I hope that everything is okay for the people in Turkey. That everything is peaceful for them. And that we can go to Istanbul. For us it will be no problem."

UEFA CUP THIRD ROUND

Graeme not

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the 90s. My feet weren't moving that well when I started, but my hands were feeling good," Smith said.

West Indies bowled inconsistently on a hot day but Smith thought the tourists stuck to their task well.

"If they were to look at the way they bowled, I think they would say that they bowled too many four-balls," Smith said.

"They bowled long spells in the heat, and they just kept running in. I thought Merv Dillon bowled superbly."

Smith said South Africa were aiming for a total of "500-600 runs.

"We scored quickly today, and, hopefully, we can do so tomorrow," Smith said.

England stare

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leg to become left-arm spinner Ashley Giles's second victim.

Giles claimed three wickets in the second innings to finish with eight scalps in the match.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the fourth day of the second Test between Sri Lanka and England at the Asgiriya Stadium on Saturday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 382 (Dilshan 63, Fernando 51 not out, Jayawardene 45, Tillakaratne 45, Sangakkara 34, Jayasuriya 32, Vaas 32; Giles 5-116)

ENGLAND: First innings 294 (Thorpe 57, Vaughan 52, Batty 38, Trescottick 36; Muralitharan 4-60, Vaas 4-77)

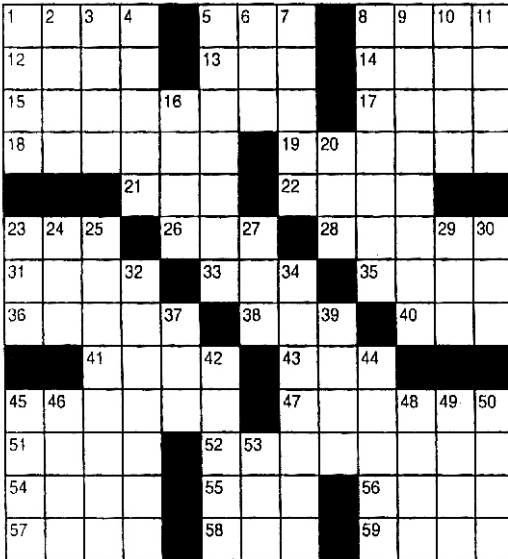
SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 39-1)

Atapattu lbw b Giles	8
Jayasuriya b Kirtley	27
Sangakkara c C. wood b Giles	10
Jayawardene b Flintoff	52
Dilshan st Read b Batty	100
Tillakaratne c Thorpe b Giles	20
Samaraweera not out	23
Vaas c Vaughan b Kirtley	20
Dharmasena not out	7
Extras: (lb-6, nb-5, w-1)	12
Total: (For 7 wkts dec in 71 overs)	279
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-41, 3-53, 4-206, 5-212, 6-243, 7-272	

Dharmasena not out					17
Extras: (lb-6, nb-5, w-1)					12
Total: (For 7 wkts declin 71 overs)	279				
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-41, 3-53, 4-206, 5-212, 6-243, 7-272					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Kirtley	17	4	62	2	
Flintoff	15	3	40	1	
Giles	22	3	101	3	
Batty	11	1	47	1	
Vaughan	3	0	11	0	
C'wood	3	0	12	0	

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTIQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptiquip: THIS PAINTER WAS INTO PLASTER AND STUCCO. I MEAN, HE ACTUALLY NAMED HIS SON WALLY.

Today's Cryptiquip Clue: N equals P

The Cryptiquip 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.