

McDermott, Hughes wreck Windies

Aussie batsmen in firm control

KINGSTON (Jamaica), March 3: There are clear signs that the world crown worn for 15 years by West Indies is in danger of slipping, reports AP.



CRAIG McDERMOTT

McDermott led by 32 runs with 6 first innings wickets standing - despite some superb fast bowling from Curtly Ambrose and Pat Patterson.

Mark Taylor put on 139 - their fourth century opening partnership. After Marsh had been caught off the wicket and Taylor in the gully, the Australian skipper Allan Border batted 90 minutes for 31 and reached a career total of 9,000 Test runs when he had made 18.

David Boon, who batted through to the close for a top score of 71 was chiefly responsible for Australia establishing a lead, once Border was out. Boon took charge, particularly when Dean Jones was out for nought and Mark Waugh came under attack by Ambrose.

Waugh was hit on the shoulders by successive bouncers from Ambrose who was performing so well in a nine-over spell that Viv Richards delayed taking the new ball for six overs.

But it was a strange performance by the West Indians who did not field well, a fact underlined by the throw for four extra runs that gave Australia the lead. Meanwhile an earlier Reuter reports says: A brave, undefeated 77 by Gus Logie, who returned to the crease after needing seven stitches in a cut under his eye, rescued West Indies from near disaster on the opening day of the first cricket Test against Australia on Friday.

paceman Merv Hughes wrecked the early West Indies batting after the home side won the toss and decided to bat.



MERV HUGHES

two years and answer his growing number of critics. Logie's return from hospital signalled the end of the dominance by the Australian bowlers as he cut loose with a variety of attacking shots. The West Indies collapse had begun in the fifth over when Haynes was hit on his left big toe by McDermott. He retired hurt, giving way to Richie Richardson who survived 36 minutes and a difficult slip chance to Waugh before edging a rising ball from Hughes to wicketkeeper Ian Healy.

dian Test player. Greenidge and Logie were both hit mis-hooking McDermott and after Logie retired the paceman bowled the returning Haynes for his 100th Test wicket. He celebrated by having Malcolm Marshall leg before next ball.

SCOREBOARD West Indies first innings. G. Greenidge c and b McDermott 27. D. Haynes b McDermott 8. R. Richardson c Healy b Hughes 15. C. Hooper c Marsh b Hughes 0. Richards c Hughes b McDermott 11. G. Logie not out 77. Dujon c Marsh b Hughes 59. M. Marshall lbw b McDermott 0. C. Ambrose c and b M Waugh 33. C. Walsh lbw b McDermott 10. P. Patterson b Hughes 4. Extras (LB-6, W-1, NB-13) 20. Total 264. Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-37, 3-57, 4-68, 5-75, 6-75, 7-144, 8-166, 9-234.

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China, DPRK TT teams arrive

Sports Reporter. The eight-member Chinese and the North Korean teams arrived in the capital yesterday evening to participate in the 8th Pepsi Asian Cup Table Tennis tournament.

The tournament begins March 6 at the BKSP gymnasium, Savar. The participating teams are: China, North Korea, Japan, India, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, South Korea, Pakistan and Iran. The Chinese team is led by Yu Bin and the North Korean team headed by Chang Tae Sam arrived in the city at 6 pm by Dragon-Air along with a 4-member team of China Shanghai Cultural and Educational Facilities Company which provides the tournament with all necessary equipments.

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Its all between the McEnroes

CHICAGO, March 3: Top-seeded John McEnroe set up a family showdown against younger brother Patrick in the finals of the Volvo Chicago indoor tennis tournament by eliminating Malivi Washington 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (3-7), 6-4 Saturday night, reports AP.



JOHN McENROE

Looking at it a bit more seriously, McEnroe said, "I may lose this match and have to live with it, and I think I can live with it."

The McEnroes have played only once before, with John blasting Patrick 6-2, 6-1 in 1985 at Stratton, Vermont. And that match wasn't a final. John McEnroe rallied from a 2-0 third-set deficit with breaks in the third and seventh games. The 2-hour, 48-minute duel ended when McEnroe put a drop shot just out of Washington's reach on match point. "John," Patrick said, "has all the shots. You never know where his serve will go, and it will be a boost for me in the rankings, if I win."

Patrick was on the verge of being broken in the sixth game, trailing 15-40, but got to deuce with two service winners, then held serve with a passing shot down the baseline.

McEnroe ended the 2-hour, 12-minute match with a service winner, his fifth ace, an overhead slam, and a return that landed at Connell's feet. "The object of my game is to return first serves at the opponent's feet, and that's what I did," said Patrick, who gained 37 points on 52 first serves by Connell.

Connell used a four ace attack to win the opening game of the first set, and broke service in the fourth game when McEnroe drove a return over the end line.



PATRICK McENROE

Connell was broken in the ninth game when he put a volley into the net. But McEnroe failed to hold serve in the next game, losing the set on Connell's forehand passing shot to the backhand court.

Harper sends Sukova packing

PALM SPRINGS (California), Mar 3: Unseeded Pean Louie-Harper pulled off a double upset Saturday, defeating fourth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia and 13th-seeded Katarina Lindqvist of Sweden in the Virginia Slims of Palm Springs women's tennis tournament, reports AP.

Louie-Harper trailed 4-1 in the deciding tiebreaker in each match. In two third-round surprises, unseeded Patricia Hy of Canada beat No. 5 Amy Frazier 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 and No. 15 Julie Halard of France beat No. 6 Barbara Paulus of Austria 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

I was a bit rusty because of waiting for the rain to go away, but then I calmed down," said Navratilova, who underwent surgery on both knees in November. "I'm moving a lot better. Now I can get my whole body in there."

The 30-year-old Louie-Harper came back in a third-round afternoon match to beat Lindqvist 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

In other second-round matches, Frazier defeated Cecilia Dahlman of Sweden 6-3, 7-5; Paulus beat Stephanie Rehe 6-4, 6-3 and No. 10 Rosalyn Fairbank-Nideffer beat Isabelle Demongot of France 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-1.

Quarterfinal and semifinal matches will be played Sunday, with the final on Monday.

Jansher beats Jahangir

MADRID, March 3: Reigning World champion Jansher Khan won his 10th successive Grand Prix tournament when he beat fellow Pakistani Jahangir Khan 15-11, 10-15, 15-4, 15-7 in the final of the 70,000-Dollar Spanish Open squash championship at Madrid today, reports Reuter.

Div I super league begins today

Sports Reporter. The super league matches of the Partex First Division basketball league will begin today with two matches scheduled at the wooden floor basketball gymnasium.

Karate meet postponed

Sports Reporter. The eight national Karate championship schedule to begin from March 6 has been postponed according to a Bangladesh Karate Federation press release issued yesterday.

Spahani cricket

CHITTAGONG, March 3: Rising Star beat Shaheed Sahajan Sangha by eight wickets in the CJKP Spahani First Division cricket league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Maradona fined

MILAN, Mar 3: The Italian Soccer League has fined Diego Maradona six million lire (5,300 dollars) for missing six Napoli practices in December. Soccer Federation sources said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

England 'A' crawl to 306 runs

COLOMBO, March 3: England 'A' batsmen engaged in a run-crawl to make 306 in their first innings on the second-day of their third and final international against Sri Lanka 'A' here Saturday, reports AP.

Lankans in strong position

AUCKLAND (New Zealand), March 3: Sri Lanka built a strong position towards winning their first Test and series away from home at the close of the third day of the third and deciding cricket Test against New Zealand today, reports Reuter.

Sri Lanka's 380. The home side's batting was pedestrian on the fast and flat pitch in comparison to Sri Lanka's sparkling innings.

Earlier, Sri Lanka's tail wagged with the last three batsmen adding 55 runs to the overnight score of 325 for eight.

SRI LANKA first innings (overnight 194 for five) T. Franklin lbw Ratnayake 13. J. Wright c Ranatunga b Ramaniyake 84. A. Jones c Ratnayake b Asoka De Silva 27. M. Greatbatch lbw Labrooy 65. K. Rutherford c Gurusinha b Asoka De Silva 15. S. Thomason lbw Ratnayake 1. D. Patel c Labrooy b Ramaniyake 41. I. Smith b Ratnayake 3. C. Cairns c Aravinda De Silva b Labrooy 17. D. Morrison lbw Labrooy 7. W. Watson not out 5. Extras (nb-31, lb-7, b-1) 39. Total 317. Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-136, 3-140, 4-170, 5-172, 6-247, 7-257, 8-299, 9-304.

The visitors were 62 for two wickets when bad light stopped play in their second innings, after dismissing the Kiwis for 317 to gain a first innings lead of 63. While Sri Lanka batted positively in their second innings, they reduced their chances of winning when their batsmen accepted the umpires' offer to go off for bad light with 16 overs left to play.

Despite the easy nature of the pitch, only John Wright, in commanding form this series, prospered. The left-handed opener had best scores of 88 and 101 in the first two Tests, and looked set on 84 to score another century, when paceman Champaka Ramanayake got him to edge a catch to first slip.

New Zealand eventually picked off the last two wickets, leaving Labrooy stranded not out on 70, his highest Test score. His runs were scored off just 80 balls and included two sixes and 14 fours in his 90 minute innings.

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Earlier in the day, the Sri Lankans appeared less than keen to play when, after a rain interruption, they argued with the umpires on the field for 17 minutes about the ground conditions. New Zealand coach Warren Lees said he was astonished at the Sri Lankans' attitude. "It was absolutely amazing. They got into a position where they could have pushed home the advantage, then didn't want to play," he told reporters.

There seemed no reason why Jones should not march to his fourth century in successive Test innings when, on 27, he skied a catch to Ratnayake in the covers, who took it on the third attempt. Jones and Wright fell with the score at 139 and 140 respectively, and 30 runs later New Zealand declined to 170 for four when Asanka Gurusinha took a diving one-handed catch off Asoka De Silva to get rid of Ken Rutherford for 15.

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New Zealand, who began at 194 for five wickets, began comfortably, but after the second new ball was taken, they lost wickets steadily. Dipak Patel smashed the first three balls of the new ball bowled by Champaka Ramanayake for four but was out for 41, trying to hit a fourth boundary.

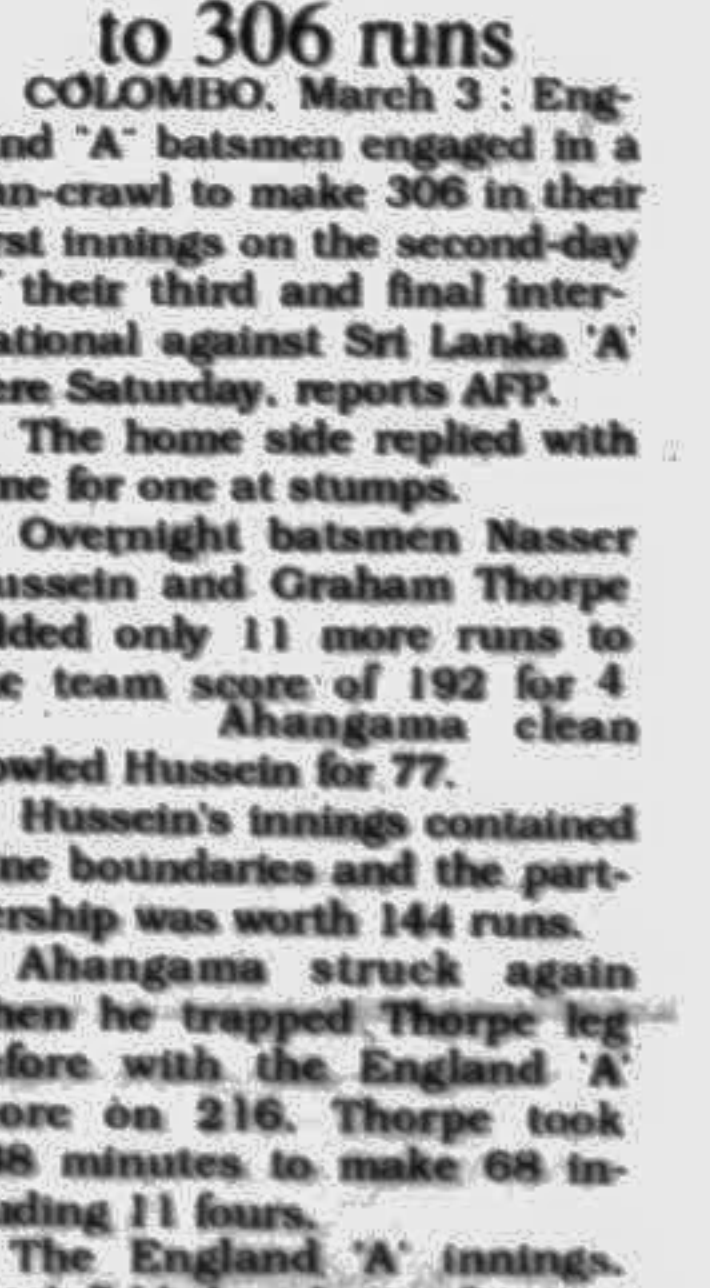
Leg spinner Asoka ended the day with two for 42 and may play a key part in the last three days. New Zealand's score was greatly aided by the 25 no balls bowled by Sri Lanka.

Mark Greatbatch continued to graft but gradually ran out of partners. He eventually went for 65 to Graeme Labrooy, who cleaned up the tail to finish with three wickets for 48.

Meanwhile an earlier Reuter reports says: Sri Lanka made deep inroads into New Zealand's batting to have them 194 for five wickets in their first innings at the close of the second day of the third cricket Test on Saturday. In reply to



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