

Aussies hold whip hand

ST JOHNS, Antigua, Apr 29: Some inspired pace bowling by Craig McDermott, following Mark Waugh's masterly batting, left Australia firmly in command at the close of the second day of the final Test against West Indies on Sunday, reports Reuter.

McDermott took four for 42. Australia, resuming at 355 for five in the morning mustered just 48 runs more. Waugh's unbeaten 139 beat by one run his previous best — his debut score against England in Adelaide in January.

Wicketkeeper Dujon picked up five catches in the innings. The Australians, 2-0 down in the five-match series, had one of their best days of the tour when they bowled out West Indies for 214 for a first innings lead of 189.

They were six for one in their second innings at stumps. After Mark Waugh had completed his highest Test score, an unbeaten 139 out of Australia's total of 403, McDermott sent back Gordon Greenidge, Richie Richardson and Viv Richards in a spell of three for 20 in eight overs as West Indies plunged to 46 for four.

Richards was rapped leg before for nought in his last Test on his home ground. Opener Desmond Haynes, with 84, and Gus Logie, who made 24, halted Australia's charge with a stand of 68 before Logie became the recalled Peter Taylor's first Test victim for more than a year.

The impressive Haynes then became McDermott's 23rd scalp of the series when he was out leg before. West Indies, in danger of having to follow on, were indebted to Jeff Dujon (33) and Malcolm Marshall (28) who put on 50 for the seventh wicket.

Dujon eventually fell to a spectacular diving left-handed catch at cover by sunglasses-adorned Dean Jones. Hughes was the bowler and he went on to polish off the tail to finish with four for 65.

Courtney Walsh soon Hughes' off stump with a yorker. wrapped up the innings with the wickets of Craig McDermott and Terry Alderman in the same over. McDermott was Dujon's fifth catch of the innings, edging an attempted hook and Alderman lasted just two balls before being bowled by a yorker.

Gordon Greenidge faced all six balls from McDermott before the lunch break, surviving one confident leg before wicket appeal. **SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard on the second day of the fifth cricket Test between West Indies and Australia on Sunday.

Australia: First innings (overnight 355 for five) Taylor c Dujon b Hooper 59 Marsh c Richards b Patterson 6 Boon c Greenidge b Ambrose 0

West Indies: First innings Greenidge lbw McDermott 6 Haynes lbw McDermott 84 Richardson b McDermott 3 Hooper lbw Hughes 2 Richards lbw McDermott 0 Logie c Jones b P. Taylor 24 Dujon c Jones b Hughes 33 Marshall c Healy b M. Waugh 28 Ambrose c M. Taylor b Hughes 8

West Indies: Second innings Marsh c Dujon b Ambrose 1 M. Taylor not out 2 Healy not out 2 Extras (lb-1 nb-1) 6 Total (for one wicket) 6 Fall of wicket: 1-4

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MSC lose 1-2 to Al-Helal

Sports Reporter Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club salvaged some of their badly dented pride by losing their second leg Asian Cupwinners Cup match against Al-Helal Sports Club by the odd goal in three in their second round Asian Cupwinners Cup match at Riyadh Stadium Sunday night.

Kaiser Hamid scored Mohammedans' only goal from a penalty to give his side a one-all parity at halftime. Mohammedans had lost their first leg clash against the Saudi champions on April 26 by a humiliating 0-7 margin that had their innumerable fans back home totally demoralised.

The 24-member squad returned home yesterday afternoon.

Shipon's hattrick

Sports Reporter Ejazul Shipon's four goals enabled S.H. Sporting to move into the final of the Independence Day juvenile football championship when they thrashed Shah Fatullah Boarding Centre 5-0 yesterday at the Outer Stadium.

This was Shipon's second hattrick of the tournament. Biddiut scored the other goal of the match.

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Bangladesh's Jamilur Rahman beat India's Bipin Sareen (R) in yesterday's fourth round match of United Insurance chess meet at the NSC chess room. —Star photo

Tahmid maintains lead

Sports Reporter FIDE Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman of Bangladesh maintained his lead with three points after completion of the fourth round matches of the inaugural United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament yesterday at the NSC chess room.

Tahmidur Rahman, playing with white pieces, drew with India's FIDE Master Vishal Sareen after 14 moves. FIDE Master Jamilur Rahman of Bangladesh scored an exciting win over his Indian rival Bipin Shenoy in 33 moves.

India's V.Koshi defeated Ashraf Hossain Nannu after 30 moves. On Sunday, in the third round, V. Koshi upset Zillur Rahman Champak.

Lightning chess

Meanwhile, a lightning chess competition has been organised in celebration of May Day tomorrow. The players from India and Pakistan playing in the United Insurance meet will also be taking part in a day-long competition. Interested players have been asked to send their names along with an entry fee of Taka 100 before the start of the match. The matches will start at 10 am on May 1.

Aussies win title

MADRID, Apr 29: Australia, holders of the prestigious Champions' Trophy, won the six-nations hockey tournament on Sunday, beating old foes Germany 2-1 with a last-minute goal, reports Reuter.

Victory gave Australia revenge for their only defeat in last November's trophy, the most important event in the hockey calendar after the Olympics and the world championship.

Germany took the lead with a 19th-minute goal by Andreas Becker after a five run by right half Christian Stengler. Australia could have equalised four times in the first half but did not do so until Jay Spacy flicked in a 52nd minute penalty corner for his second goal of the tournament.

Right-winger Stephen Davies snatched the winning goal 30 seconds from time after swapping positions with centre forward David Wansbrough and lobbing in his team mate's centre.

Sherpur cricket

SHERPUR, Apr 29: Sherpur Cricket Club clinched the title of the local league beating the Young Cricketers Club by five wickets in the final played at the local stadium Friday, reports UNB.

Winning the toss, the Young Cricketers Club decided to bat and rattled up 179 runs for the loss of five wickets in the stipulated 33 overs.

In reply, Sherpur Cricket Club reached the target hitting 181 for five wickets in only 29 overs. Bachhu of Sherpur Cricket Club was adjudged both man of the match and the series. Sponsored by the District Sports Association, seven teams took part in the league which generated great enthusiasm among the local cricket lovers.

Furious fans

BELGRADE, Apr 29: At least 46 people, including five policemen, were injured and buses and cars wrecked when fighting erupted during a soccer match between local rivals Red Star and Partizan on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Red Star, who qualified for the European Cup final last Wednesday, were leading 3-0 when partizan's fans burst into the pitch and attacked policemen who were protecting Red Star players.

The match was interrupted for about 10 minutes while police cleared the pitch. Red Star went on to win 3-1.

Fighting continued outside the stadium and eye witnesses said several thousand fans clashed with police and overturned two buses and stoned several cars.

Benson's best ever

LONDON, Apr 29: Kent's new captain Mark Benson hit a career best 257 as his side amassed 482 on the second day of the county championship cricket match against Hampshire at Southampton on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Benson's total equalled the highest individual score in a match between the counties. It spanned almost nine hours and included 32 fours.

Benson and Chris Cowdrey, the man he replaced as skipper, put on 224 for the fourth wicket. Cowdrey made 97.

When Hampshire replied, West Indian paceman Tony Merrick ripped out Chris Smith, David Gower and Tony Middleton in three overs and with the last ball of the day sent back Julian Wood.

Hampshire were 88 for four at the close. Former England captain Ian Botham, 35, completed his

first five-wicket haul for almost two years and then hit 39 not out to help Worcestershire out of trouble against Gloucestershire at Worcester.

He and Australian Test all-rounder Tom Moody, who hit eight fours and a six in his 82 not out, shared an unbroken partnership of 88 to lift Worcestershire to 255 for four.

In the morning session Botham had picked up three wickets to finish with five for 125 as Gloucestershire moved on to 450 all out.

In the Sunday league limited overs tournament, England captain Graham Gooch showed his worth as an all-rounder as Essex romped to a nine-wicket victory over Yorkshire at Chelmsford.

He took three for 25 with his gentle medium pacers to help contain Yorkshire to 149 for eight from their 40 overs and then stroked an unbeaten 59 as Essex reached their target with 6.3 overs to spare.

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Chinese paddlers in rare decline

Koreans profit from unity

CHIBA, Japan, Apr 29: North and South Korea crowned their first joint endeavour in sport with the women's team gold at the world table tennis championships here Monday, beating longtime title holders China 3-2.

China also saw their supremacy eclipsed in the men's team competition earlier when they went down to Czechoslovakia 2-3, failing to make the semi-finals for the first time since they returned to international table tennis in 1971.

But the Korean men, urged on by wild cheering from ethnic Korean spectators, bowed to defending champions Sweden 1-3 in the men's last eight round. In a tense women's final which lasted nearly four hours, world number 17 Yu Sun-Bok from the North beat Asian Games triple champion Deng Yaping 21-7, 17-21, 21-18 in the first singles.

South Korean ace Hyun Jung-Hwa, who won the women's doubles title at the last World Championships in 1989 with Hong Cha-Ok, made it two in a row for joint Korea by whipping world number 15 Gao Jun 21-11, 21-15.

But China, bidding for a record ninth straight women's title, hit back as Deng and Gao outlasted Hyun and North Korean number one Li Bun-Hui 21-16, 19-21, 21-13. Deng went on to hand and erratic Hyun her first singles defeat of the two-week event now in its sixth day with the scoreline of 21-14, 21-16.

Under pressure from fanatical, flag-waving Korean spectators, Yu took the first set 21-19 in the final singles against Gao. She sprang back from 12-17 down in the second set to win 21-19 when the Chinese hit long Yu's fifth straight smash at 19-all and sent the ball over after a rally on match point. South Korea alone won the world women's team title in

1973 at Sarajevo. The North Korean women were runners-up to China in 1985 at Gothenburg. China beat South Korea 3-2 in the Asian Games final in September.

The two Koreas, divided in Cold War confrontation since the end of World War II, agreed in February to send a joint team here and to the world youth football tournament in Portugal in June.

For the Chinese men, it was the first time since 1957 that they had failed to make the team semi-finals in World Championships in which they had taken part. China did not compete in 1967 and 1969 during the Cultural Revolution but triumphed in 1971 at Nagoya, Japan, on their comeback. They have since taken all but three of the nine men's titles on offer, finishing second in 1973, 1979 and 1989.

In other men's quarter-finals, Belgium beat Canada 3-2 and Yugoslavia outlasted Germany 3-2.

"It is not that our technical level has come down. But the new tournament system is partly responsible," Chinese men's coach Xi Enting said. "We will continue our best efforts to be back on top of the world."

He was referring to a new best-of-five tie format with the doubles set after two opening singles, similar to world badminton and tennis team events. But Xi said the old format of nine singles had "shown the real strength of each team" whereas the new system was more susceptible to the quirks of draws. Czech coach Premysl Fulin agreed after his country's first-ever victory over China at this level. "I think the new system tends to work better for teams that are not so good. It will depend more on the lineup order," he said.

Clay title eludes Becker

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Apr 29: Spain's Sergi Bruguera outlasted Germany's Boris Becker Monday.

5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-4) in the rain-delayed final of the 1-million-dollar Monte Carlo Open, reports AP.

In a match that had brilliant displays of tactical tennis, Bruguera prevailed in 4 hours, 5 minutes to win the 125,000 dollars first-place prize. Becker took away 65,800 dollars.

It was the third consecutive clay court final that Bruguera won. Becker had made his reputation winning tournaments on fast surfaces, including three Wimbledon and the US and Australian Opens, but only three of his 45 finals have been on clay.

Bruguera was ranked 15th before the victory. Becker was second in the world. Becker and Bruguera first played Sunday afternoon, with Becker leading the first set at 5-4.

The match was delayed due to rain, but it resumed under bright sunshine Monday afternoon. Becker could not hold his initial service and Bruguera took three straight points to even the score at 5-5.



Boris Becker makes a backhand return during his final against Spain's Sergi Bruguera at Monte Carlo Apr 28. — AFP photo

set points against him to even it at 6-6. Bruguera had a passing shot to make it 7-6 and Becker sent a backhand wide to give Bruguera the lead, two sets to one.

Becker's play grew stronger and stronger as the game progressed. He rolled through two love games and served for the fourth set at 5-3. But he couldn't put the Spinard away. Bruguera came back then equaled it at 5-5 on four unforced errors by Becker and eventually forced a tiebreak. In the decisive game of the

fourth set, Bruguera hit two lines in a row to take a 4-2 lead.

Becker fought back to 4-4 then sent a forehand long to give Bruguera the lead at 5-4.

The rich Monte Carlo tournament is the traditional opener for many top players for the clay court season that ends with the French Open in Paris May 27 - June 9.

Becker will play an exhibition in Switzerland before heading to Rome to play in the Italian Open. Bruguera is the second seed at the Madrid tournament this week.

Maradona admits addiction

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 29: Argentina's disgraced soccer superstar Diego Maradona went home to his family on Sunday after posting bail on drug charges and admitting to a judge he dabbled in drugs, reports Reuter.

Argentina's former World Cup soccer coach Carlos Bilardo and Maradona's agent Marcos Franchi took Maradona home early Sunday after he was charged with possessing drugs and supplying them free to others, a court official said.

Franchi said Maradona, 30, had admitted to judge Amelia Berraz de Vidal that he occasionally took drugs. "He recognised that he occasionally took these substances," Franchi told reporters.

Maradona, whom the Italian league had recently banned from soccer anywhere in the world for 15 months for failing a dope test, was shown on Friday television newscasts with a three-day stubble, a wide grin and an unsteady walk as he was hustled into a police car.

He could face a prison sentence ranging from a month for possession of drugs for personal use to a maximum of 15 years for supplying drugs, local newspapers said Sunday.

One of Maradona's lawyers, Pablo Rabey, a specialist in criminal law who has handled

drug cases previously, declined to speculate on the outcome of the case.

"This is only starting. Possession and supplying were the initial charges but in the end he might not be sentenced for those charges," Rabey told Reuters in a telephone interview.

Until now, Maradona's fortunes had seemed to have sunk to their lowest with the worldwide playing ban. Soon after the ban, he announced he was quitting professional soccer.

Local sports writers, commenting on Maradona's misfortunes, recalled other wayward Argentine sports idols who rose from rags to riches, only to see their fortunes dashed by scandal.

Former world middleweight boxing champion Carlos Monzon is now serving an 11-year prison sentence for killing his wife in 1988. Heavyweight championship contender Oscar "Oringo" Bonavena was shot dead in a Nevada brothel in 1976.

"There is a new Maradona," Franchi told reporters as the player was being released from jail. "Diego was harassed and couldn't see reality. Now he's under the effects of an emotional shock." "He had nothing and suddenly he had everything," said Jores Ayala.