

# History at Eden Gardens today

**CALCUTTA, India, Nov 9:** Clive Rice will lead South Africa out for its first ever one-day international here Sunday, after waiting 20 years for his national colours — a tour blazer, tie and cap, reports AFP.

In 1971, a youthful Rice was measured up for his first blazer after being selected for South Africa's tour of Australia.

The tour never took place because of pressure from anti-apartheid groups, which led to South Africa's exclusion from international cricket until July this year.

Now, two decades on, the balding 42-year-old all-rounder will finally wear his national colours when the first of South Africa's three internationals against India gets underway at the 98,000 capacity Eden Gardens here.

"I have to pinch myself to believe we are going to play official cricket again," said Rice who spent the intervening years playing for Nottinghamshire in England and leading rebel tours organised by Springbok cricket officials.

The long wait has not dimmed the South African

skipper's enthusiasm for the game. In fact, he is more determined than ever to start on a winning note.

"It will be great if we can cap this historic series with a win, but we are using this tour as a preparation for next year's (World) Cup," Rice said.

"The Indians are a well-knit combination but I believe we have the players to pull it off," said the Springbok captain, who will become the world's oldest debutante in international one-day cricket.

The squad, led by Rice and coach Mike Proctor, had a strenuous workout under a hot afternoon sun at the lush green Eden Gardens.

Also at the nets were four youngsters, two of them Black, who have been brought along in the touring party to gain experience of international cricket.

Both sides will finalise their playing elevens later Saturday, but the dry wicket indicates spinners could play a vital role.

The South Africans are well equipped in this department with two left-arm spinners, Clive Eksteen and Tim Shaw, plus the occasional off-spin of Peter Kirsten.

The Indian team also have two left armers, vice captain

Ravi Shastri and Venkatapathy Raju.

Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin said he was confi-

opposition lightly. Azharuddin, who watched a few South Africans in action during his stint with Derbyshire last season in England, felt the visitors were capable of giving anyone a run for their money.

"They are a good bowling side, but I am not sure of the batting," the Indian captain told reporters after nets Saturday morning.

He singled out Warwickshire's fast bowler Allan Donald as South Africa's main weapon and spoke in glowing terms of Jimmy Cook, who has scored more than 2,000 runs in each of his last three seasons with Somerset in England.

Match organiser Jagmohan Dalmyia said ticket sales had picked up after the arrival of the South Africans on Friday morning and he expected a full house for the match.

"I don't think many people here had dreamed of watching the South Africans playing in India in their lifetime, so the enthusiasm for the match is understandable," said Dalmyia.

Dalmyia, a former Indian Cricket Board secretary, had proposed the Springboks' return at an International Cricket Council meeting in July.

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The South African cricket team, led by their skipper Clive Rice (R), arrive at a rousing reception at Calcutta's Dum Dum airport on Friday for an historic three-match one-day series ending 21 years of isolation from international cricket.

— AFP photo

# Mother Teresa blesses Springboks

**CALCUTTA, Nov 9:** Nobel peace laureate Mother Teresa blessed South Africa cricket squad today and called their history tour of India "A mission of peace and a work of love" reports Reuter.

The Frail Roman Catholic missionary, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, told the South Africans: "I will pray for you, that your mission be successful. Let your cricket be a work of love. Works of love are works of peace."

She told skipper Clive Rice, who towered over her as he shook her hand. "Go unto God and help other people."

Mother Teresa, dressed in the simple hit Israeli of her order, the Missionaries of

Charity, and with a Rosary of white beads in her hand, met the South Africans at their request.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa later announced a donation of 100,000 rupees (nearly 4,000 dollars) to her mission.

"It's wonderful to actually see someone like that," Rice said after the brief meeting in the Calcutta home of the mission. "She's really special."

More than 100 photographers and officials crowded the courtyard of the building on a busy Calcutta street where the cricketers met Mother Teresa.

Armed police kept the curious crowd of onlookers at bay. Traffic on the street was locked and mounted policemen stood guard until the

South Africans drove away after the 15-minute meeting.

South African play India in a limited-overs match on Sunday, their first international fixture since 1970 when they were expelled from the International Cricket Council because of Pretoria's apartheid policies.

The ban was lifted in July, marking the country's success in racially integrating its cricket establishment and launching a development programme for the sport in Black areas.

Their showcase return was to have been at the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next year, but Indians invited them for a quick tour of three-one day matches after Pakistan called off a five-match series scheduled for this month.

The squad would work out at the nets at Calcutta's Eden Gardens, the world's largest cricket stadium, later today and then announce the final 11, coach Mike Proctor said.

It is the first visit to India for most of the South African Squad. But Jimmy Cook, who has starred for Somerset in the English County Championships in the last three seasons, has special reasons to be happy at coming here.

My dad was born in Bombay in 1926 and he migrated to South African 20 years later. If we were playing in Bombay, I would have brought him along "the elegant right-handed batsman said."

South Africa's other two games are in Gwalior on November 12 and in New Delhi on November 14.

# Indians bank on spinners

**CALCUTTA, Nov 9:** South Africa have left out all-rounder Craig Matthews from the team for Sunday's one-day against India here that will herald the visitors first international cricket match in 20 years, reports AFP.

Also omitted are batsman Mandy Yachad and left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen, South African captain Clive Rice told a crowded news conference at the Eden Gardens Stadium where the match will be played.

Natal's Andrew Hudson will open the batting with the prolific Jimmy Cook. Keppler Wessels, the only Test player

in the squad, comes in at number three.

Left-handed Wessels 34, played 25 Tests for Australia before returning to his home country.

Rice said his players were all geared up for the big day. We have had butterflies in our stomach since we left South Africa and are keenly looking forward to the game, he said.

India have left out dashing opener Krishnamachari Srikanth to accommodate left-arm spinners Venkatapathy Raju and Ravi Shastri. Batsman Praveen Amre will make his international debut.

Match organiser Jagmohan Dalmyia said the game will be played over 50 overs with a lunch break of just 30 minutes.

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OAKLAND, California, Nov 9: Top-seed Monica Seles of Yugoslavia found the top form she did not expect to have until the finals in her 6-0, 6-2 rout of American Linda Harvey-Wild in the quarterfinals of the 350,000-dollar Virginia Slims of California tennis tournament on Friday, reports Reuter.

Second-seeded Martina Navratilova of the United States, who could tie Chris Evert's all-time record of 157 titles with a victory this week, eliminated compatriot and eighth-seeded Mary Pierce 6-2, 6-2 in a quarterfinal match.

In the other quarterfinals, third-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland out-slugged seventh-seeded Amy Frazier of the United States 6-3, 6-2, and six-seeded Lori McNeil of the US held off a tenacious American Stephanie Rehe 7-6 (7-2), 6-2.

In the semifinals of the indoor tournament, Seles faces Maleeva-Fragniere, winless in eight career matches against Seles, and Navratilova plays McNeil, 0-7 against Navratilova in career meetings.

Seles, first in the world, broke Harvey-Wild, 58 in the world, in the first game of the match with a forehand drop shot winner, disheartening the American who had saved the first break point with a stunning cross court forehand passing shot.

Seles, the defending champion here, went on to win the first eight games of the match as she repeatedly forced Harvey-Wild to hit the ball close to the lines or face the prospect of running form sideline-to-sideline just to stay in the point.

Although Harvey-Wild managed to hold her serve for 1-2 in the second set, Seles admitted she was never worried about the outcome of the match, in which she had six

aces.

"It was a great match for me because I was keeping her on the defensive. She is a strong player from the baseline, so it was a good way for me to see how well I was playing," Seles said.

Navratilova, fourth in the world, successfully controlled her service games by playing her hallmark attacking game, while Pierce, 29 in the world, struggled on her serve, double-faulting away one game in each set.

Daniels said, "All week that's really been what's keeping me in here."

But her right quadricep started to bother her on her serve and Appelmanns seeded fourth, returned to the form that helped her win the Arizona tennis classical last week.

"I think I let her back into it," Daniels said. "Although at 4-1 I was just trying to go for broke, and she wasn't really in the groove of her game."

Appelmanns said Daniels's serve was overpowering at the start.

"She was serving so deep, and I was always under pressure when she was serving," Appelmanns said. "I got used to it because it was turning a little bit."