

# Springboks denied their party

**CALCUTTA, Nov 10:** India dashed South African hopes of a triumphant comeback to world sport Sunday, beating the Springboks by three wickets here in a historic one-day international, reports AFP.



ALLAN DONALD

Fast bowler Allan Donald ensured the South Africans were not disgraced even if they were defeated at the Eden Gardens, where a crowd of 98,000 were on hand to watch them return to international cricket after 21 years of isolation.

The 25-year-old Warwickshire paceman took five for 29

in the first of three matches to have the vaunted Indian batting line-up struggling in its bid to overtake the modest Springbok total of 177 for eight in 47 overs.

India achieved the target in the 41st over thanks to five batting by teenage sensation Sachin Tendulkar and newcomer Pravin Amre.

Tendulkar smashed 62 off 80 balls and Amre compiled a neat 55 to put India on the road to victory after Donald had reduced the hosts to 20 for three by the seventh over.

Donald, a right-arm fast bowler who rates with the world's best, sliced through the Indian top order, removing Ravi Shastri, Sanjay Manjrekar and Navjot Sidhu in the space of 20 deliveries while conceding just five runs.

The Orange Free State cricketer, however, shared the man-of-the-match award with Tendulkar, a gesture that drew loud cheers from the frenzied fans who set off fireworks in celebration of India's victory.

Tendulkar, born four years after South African skipper Clive Rice made his first class debut in 1969, hit eight boundaries and a six in his best one-day score and fourth half-century in his 19th one-day international.

His previous best was 53 against Sri Lanka in last year's Asia Cup final at the same venue.

The dapper Amre, 24, whose consistent scores in domestic cricket earned him a place for India's tour of Australia starting next week, also hit eight fours and a six in his debut.

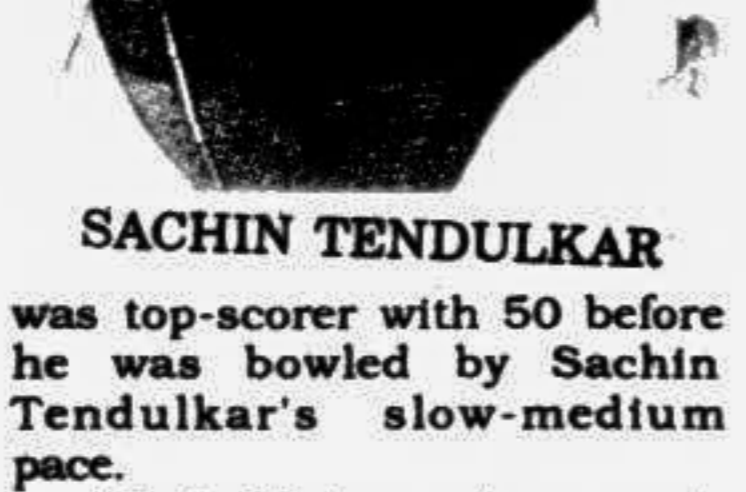
Amre was dismissed with

the score tied, but Kiran More stole a legby to bring India victory with 6.2 overs to spare. Put into bat, the South Africans looked uneasy on a slow Eden Gardens wicket before a raucous crowd.

Their innings was restricted to the 47 overs bowled in the permitted 200 minutes' play before lunch.

The match opened to a huge roar as Kapil Dev bowled the first ball to Jimmy Cook, the crowd clearly alive to the drama of the match. But the South African batting lacked panache.

Left-hander Kepler Wessels



SACHIN TENDULKAR

was top-scorer with 50 before he was bowled by Sachin Tendulkar's slow-medium pace.

Adrain Kuiper, whose partnership with Wessels for the fourth wicket was worth 60, made 43.

Cook, a prolific scorer for Somerset in the English county championship, never looked comfortable and made only 17 off 48 balls before falling leg before to Javagal Srinath.

South Africa's run rate was a modest 3.76 per over.

Manager Ali Bacher said the match was overshadowed by the history of the occasion.

"It's the end of a nightmare. It's a memorable day, a dramatic day for world cricket.

"I never expected things would fall into place so soon

and so dramatically. I am overwhelmed by a huge sense of relief and joy," he said.

### SCOREBOARD

Following is the complete scoreboard of the first one-day international match played Sunday between South Africa and India. India won by 3 wickets.

South Africa	
J Cook lbw Srinath	17
A Hudson c More b Kapil Dev	0
K Wessels b Tendulkar	50
P Kirsten b Raju	7
A Kepler c P Amre b Prabhakar	43
C Rice b Prabhakar	14
R Snell c Amre b Dev	16
B McMillan run out	2
D Richardson not out	4
Tim Shaw not out	0
A Donald (did not bat)	0
Extras: (13 leg byes, 11 wides)	24
<b>Total: (in 47 overs): 177 for eight wickets.</b>	

Fall of wickets: 1/3, 2/28; 3/49; 4/109; 5/151; 6/156; 7/167; 8/176.

Bowling:		O M R W	
Kapil Dev	9-2-23-2		
Prabhakar	10-1-26-2		
Srinath	10-0-39-1		
Raju	10-0-32-1		
Shastri	3-0-17-0		
Tendulkar	5-0-27-1		

India:		O M R W	
Shastri c Dave Richardson b Allan Donald	0		
Sidhu c Brian McMillan b Donald	6		
Manjrekar b Donald	1		
Azharuddin st Richardson b Shaw	16		
Tendulkar c Snell to Donald	52		
Amre lbw Donald	55		
Kapil Dev b Adrain Kuiper	11		
Prabhakar not out	12		
More not out	0		
Srinath (did not bat)	0		
Raju (did not bat)	0		
Extras: (2 leg byes, 11 wides, 2 no-balls)	15		
<b>Total (in 40.4 overs): 178 for seven wickets.</b>			

Fall of wickets: 1/1 2/3; 3/20; 4/60; 5/116; 6/148; 7/177.

Bowling:		O M R W	
Donald	8-4-0-29-5		
Snell	6-0-35-0		
McMillan	6-0-30-0		
Shaw	10-0-46-1		
Rice	5-0-14-0		
Kuiper	5-0-22-1		

## No longer pariahs

**CALCUTTA, Nov 10:** South Africa returned to international cricket Sunday after a 21-year banishment when captain Clive Rice tossed a 1901 gold-plated silver coin to begin a one-day limited overs match against India, reports AP.

Rice — at 42 the oldest player to make a debut in international cricket — lost the toss to Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin who invited the South Africans to bat first.

The spin of the coin formally rejoined South Africa as the eighth Test playing nation after England, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, West Indies, Sri Lanka.

"I feel as if I have the world today," said the South African national team's spokesman, Chris Day, after the toss in the greens of Eden Gardens stadium, named for a sister of a governor-general when India was under the British rule.

"This is something we have waited for long," Day said. "It is difficult to believe it is happening, we are playing again! We have got a place under the sun."

As the first ball was bowled, sounds of exploding firecrackers reverberated around the stadium. In this overcrowded sports crazy city of 10 million people, children and young men play cricket even on roads to overcome the lack of open spaces.

The first run for South Africa came when opener Jimmy Cook flicked a ball from

medium-pace Kapil Dev in the first over of the 50-over match.

South Africa was banished from international cricket in 1970 for its policy of apartheid, or racial segregation. The ban was lifted this year by the Commonwealth Summit, which decided Pretoria had taken sufficient steps toward dismantling its old apartheid system.

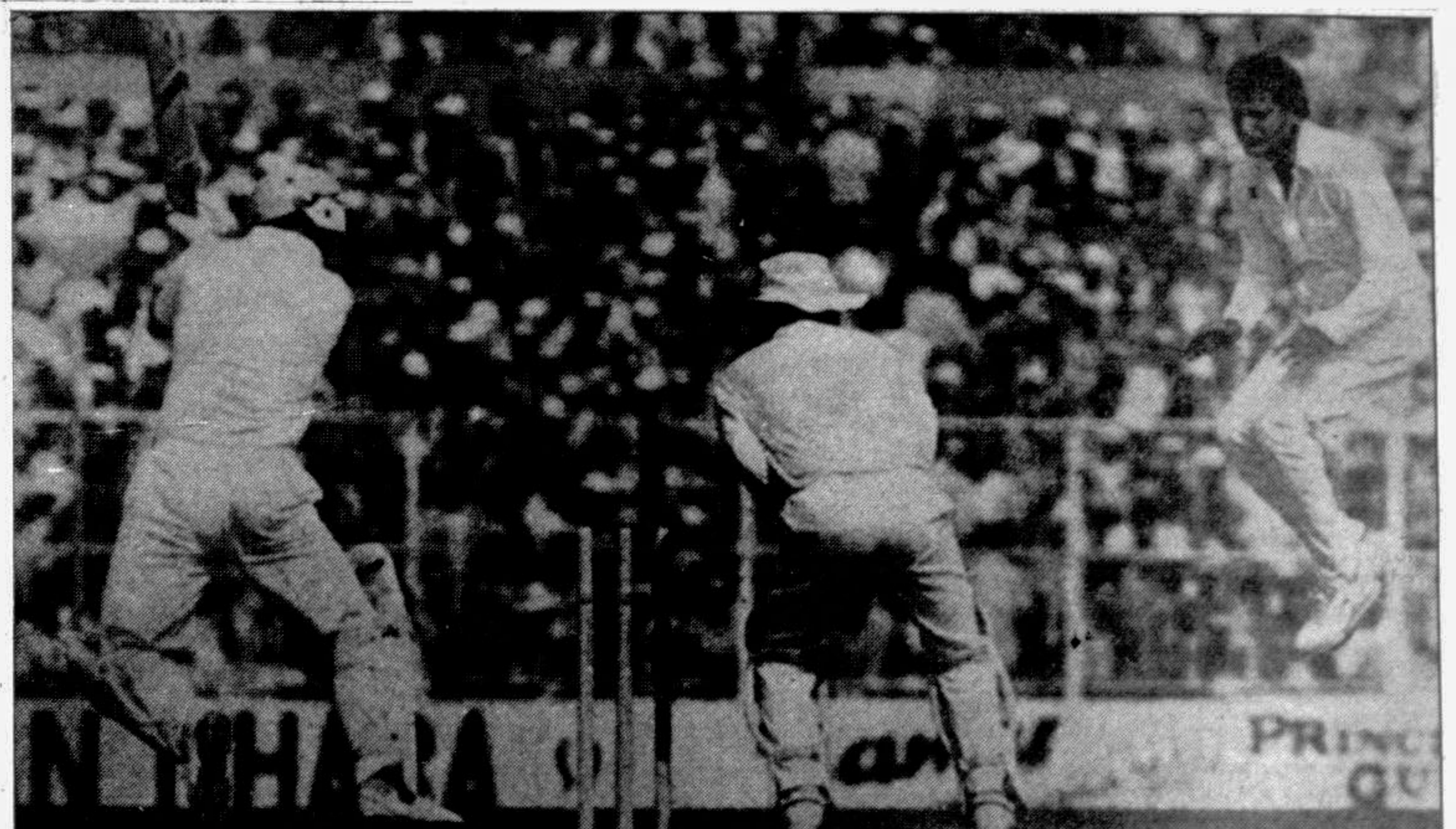
"The government of India is proceeding at an unjustifiably fast pace to restore relations with South Africa," Souren Bhattacharya of the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) told reporters.

The RSP, a minor leftwing party, is a junior partner in the nine-party Marxist administration in West Bengal state.

"While many African leaders are appealing for caution on restoration of relations with South Africa, India, it seems, ignored their appeals and diluted its opposition to apartheid," he said.

It was the first public criticism of the South African tour.

Asked how he felt about this Marxist bastion playing host to the match, Bhattacharya said: "It is really



Indian skipper Md.Azharuddin takes evasive action as South African batsman Peter Kirsten square cuts during yesterday's one-day international cricket match at Calcutta's Eden Gardens. The South Africans lost by three wickets on their return to international cricket after 21 years of isolation for apartheid. —AFP photo

## Time out to see the Taj mahal

**CALCUTTA, Nov 10:** South African cricketers, buffeted by Indian batsmen during their re-entry to international sport, will pause between matches Monday to visit the Taj Mahal, the fabled 17th century monument to love, reports AP.

"When you come to India, you can't go back without seeing the Taj," team spokesman Chris Day said Sunday after South Africa's loss here.

The Taj Mahal, built by the heartbroken Emperor Shah Jahan to hold the tomb of his wife Mumtaz Mahal, is in Agra, 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Gwalior, venue of the second South Africa-India match.

The white marble Taj, inlaid with semi-precious stones, stands on the bank of the Jamuna River, with four glistening minarets rising to the sky around the central dome.

The two sides meet Tuesday in Gwalior and wind up their series of one-day matches in New Delhi on Thursday.

South Africa's banishment from international play was ended this year by the Commonwealth Summit, which decided Pretoria had taken sufficient steps toward reversing its old apartheid system.

## Bacher seeks Indian clearance for Pak tour

**CALCUTTA, India, Nov 10:** India will decide whether Pakistan gets its wish to become the first team to tour South Africa after the republic's return to world cricket, Springbok manager Ali Bacher said here today, reports AFP.

"Pakistan have asked us if they could tour South Africa for 20 days in January," Bacher confirmed in this Eastern Indian metropolis, venue for the first one-day international between India and the Springboks.

He said the request will be considered by the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), when his team returns home after its current brief tour of India, hosting the South African return to world cricket after 21 years.

"If the board agrees in principle, the matter will then be discussed with India because we had promised India the first tour of South Africa," Bacher said in a statement to AFP.

"We do not break our word and only if there is a mutual agreement (with India) then any other country can tour South Africa before India does," Bacher added.

There was no immediate reaction from Indian cricket officials.

Shahid Rafi, secretary of the

## Noppachorn new snooker champ

**BANG KOK, Nov 10:** Thailand's Noppadol Noppachorn, 23, became the new world amateur snooker champion when he defeated Dominic Dale, 19, of Wales 11-9 frames in the finals on Saturday of the 1991 Nescafe Championship, reports AFP.

Noppadol won the two-day final in 20 frames with scores: 28-94, 52-60, 64-69, 98-30, 75-29, 57-8, 53-50, 84-16, 15-83, 57-61, 73-24, 28-64, 15-114, 70-25, 143 (break 139), 0, 78-20, 4-125 (break 103), 21-99, 86-21, 66-52.

He achieved Saturday the highest score of the 14-day tournament with 139 in the 15th frame of the final. This earned him a special prize of gold worth 1,000 US dollars on top of his championship prize of 2,000 US dollars.

This is the second time a Thai player has won the World Amateur Snooker Championship title after Wattana Pa-Op Om's (James Wattana) victory in 1988.

## Scotland snooker

**GLASGOW, Scotland, Nov 10:** Indian newcomer Amrik Cheema hit three centuries in his fourth round 5-0 victory over Scotland's Ian Black in the Scotland and Hedges Masters Satellite snooker tournament here on Saturday, reports AFP.

## Bacher makes light of defeat

**CALCUTTA, India, Nov 10:** Springbok cricket manager Ali Bacher made light of his team's defeat to India here Sunday in a historic one-day international which brought South Africa back to world sport, reports AFP.

"It was a happy occasion which we will remember for the rest of our lives," Bacher said after India had triumphed by three wickets at the Eden Gardens.

"Although we lost the match, the occasion was the winner."

Bacher said his team was overawed by the 98,000-strong crowd which watched the match.

"They have never seen crowds like the one at the Eden Gardens today," Bacher said. "The boys appeared a bit overawed by the electric atmosphere and the importance of the occasion."

"Still I feel we made India fight for every run, which is a good sign for the future," Bacher said.

He complimented the

Indian team for performing "exceptionally well," choosing teenager Sachin Tendulkar and newcomer Pravin Amre for special praise.

South African skipper Clive Rice said the match's turning point came when his side failed to run out Tendulkar when he had just scored three and was stranded in the middle of the pitch.

But bowler Richard Snell failed to collect a return from Andrew Hudson and Tendulkar went on to score 62.

"He played exceptionally well after that and took the

match away from us," Rice said of the Indian.

Rice, 42, had nothing but praise for Allan Donald, whom he described as a "real find" for South Africa.

Donald took five for 29 in a fiery display of fast bowling, enhancing his reputation as one of the world's best speed merchants.

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Six people were seriously wounded among fans pushing into the stadium in the Sierra Leone capital Freetown.

The policeman, later arrested, said the shooting was an accident.

The incident occurred at an under-23 match between Sierra Leone and Ghana to qualify for next year's Olympic Games in Spain.

Both won playing white but Lautier, short of time made a string of mistakes in the tie-break.

The Speed-Chess tournament, the richest on the chess circuit, brought together 16 of the world's best players. The quarter-finals will take place today and the semifinals and the final on Monday.

Results: G Kasparov beat A Khalifman

B Gelfand beat A Beliavsky  
E Bareev beat J Lautier  
N Short beat M Guevich  
V Anand beat V Korenzi  
V Salov beat A Yusupov  
J Timman beat G Kamsky  
A Karпов beat J Speelman

## Defeat, but no disgrace

**From S M Mamoon in Calcutta**

It was an unforgettable experience to have been witness to the making of history here at the magnificent Eden Gardens today.

In an occasion that comes perhaps only once in a lifetime, cricket lovers saw South Africa ending their long 21-year international isolation from the sport before an electrifying Eden Gardens, spilling over with nearly a hundred thousand people. The crowd, much bigger than those for the 1987 World Cup or the 1989 Nehru Cup finals between better known teams, saw the South Africans suffer defeat with dignity in their maiden one-day international at the hands of former world champions India.

Allan Donald, who picked up five Indian wickets for just 29 runs with a superlative exhibition of brilliant, hostile fast bowling helped the Springboks to avoid disgrace on such an historic occasion.

In reply to the visitors' modest total of 177 for eight wickets in 47 overs, Md Azharuddin's men had to struggle all the way before reaching 178 for seven in the 41st over. Despite the rustiness through lack of exposure at the international level, the South African batsmen, led by Kepler Wessels with 50 and Adrain Kuiper with 43, overcame a slow, shaky start and reached a total of relative respectability.

Donald's opening spell sent shivers down the Indian batting's spine and but for an inexcusable blunder by fast bowler Richard Snell in running out Sachin Tendulkar, then on three, things might have turned out altogether differently. Tendulkar not only escaped, but went on to produce the innings that India needed, making a career-best one-day score of 62 that earned him a share of the man-of-the-match award along with Allan Donald. But then, that's what cricket is all about.

Expressing his feelings to this correspondent after the match, South African cricket boss Ali Bacher said "We were overwhelmed by it all — the atmosphere for today's match, the welcome we received, the very occasion — everything!"

"It's been a most memorable return to international cricket for us."

Regarding a question about South Africa's cricketing links with minnows Bangladesh, Ali Bacher said his UCBSA would be offering several scholarships to promising Bangladeshi players to play and develop their game in South Africa.

Skipper Clive Rice, explaining his team's performance Sunday, said he was happy with the outcome. "Look out for the remaining two games," he warned.

Turning to Tendulkar, Rice said: "He'll soon become the best in the world."

The Cricket Association of Bengal capped the occasion with a big dinner at the lavishly decorated BC Roy Club House inside the Eden Gardens. Must say, the menu was as big and as befitting as the occasion.

## Leaders stay top

**TOKYO, Nov 10:** Defending champions Cuba whitewashed China for their second consecutive win without losing a set in the 12-team World Cup women's volleyball tournament Saturday, reports AFP.

Mireya Luis led her team with successful six spike winners while Magaly Carvajal showed solid defence to take eight break points on the way to a 3-0 (15-7, 15-13, 16-14) victory over the Asian champions in the Group B event.

The United States, with a big chance of winning a berth in the Barcelona Olympics after beating Brazil on Friday, powered past Kenya 3-0 (15-4, 15-2, 15-1) for their second win at the Senday City Gymnasium, North of Tokyo.

In the other match of the six-team round-robin preliminary, South American champions Brazil brushed aside Germany 3-0 (15-13, 15-6, 15-13) for a 1-1 win-loss record.

Hosts Japan and the Soviet Union remained unbeaten with two wins each in the Group A event, which is being held at the Yoyogi Gymnasium in Tokyo.

World and Olympic champions the Soviet Union out-gunned Peru 3-1 (14-16, 17-15, 15-7, 15-11) while Japan blanked Spain 3-0 (15-2, 15-5, 15-4).

South Korea, who suffered a

major set back when they lost to Peru on Friday, breezed past Canada 3-1 (12-15, 15-3, 15-5, 15-10).

The top three teams from each group will advance to the final round.

China, Cuba, the Soviet Union, Brazil, Spain and Japan have already booked places in the Olympics, and the other six countries are vying for the remaining ticket for the Barcelona Games next year.

## Cherkasov's title

**MOSCOW, Nov 10:** Andrei Cherkasov won his second straight Kremlin cup title Sunday, beating Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 7-6, 3-6, 7-6 before a packed crowd at Olympic stadium, reports AP.

Cherkasov, ranked 20th on the ATP Tour, outlasted Hlasek, ranked 19th, 7-5 in the third set tiebreaker.

## Markus to retire

**BERNE, Nov 10:** Markus Ryffel, Olympic 5,000 metres silver medalist in 1984, said at the weekend he was retiring because of recurring injuries, reports Reuter.

Ryffel, 36, Switzerland's most successful middle and long-distance runner, finished second behind Morocco's Said Aoutia in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics 5,000 and set 10 National records in a career spanning nearly 16 years.



Scene from yesterday's Green Delta Second Division league match between Shishu Kishore and Muktiyodha Sanghad at the Hockey Stadium. Shishu Kishore won 10-11. —Star photo