

Springboks play in Gwalior today

GWALIOR, Nov 11: The caravan of cricket rolls on, and South Africa will attempt to check India's victorious run in the second one-day international here tomorrow to keep the three-match series alive, reports PTI.

South Africa, already richer in experience by one match since they ended their 21-year-old international exile on Sunday at Calcutta, gave indications of the strength the team possess.

Although the team was playing their first-ever official one-day international, the South Africans fought the battle gamely till batting prodigy Sachin Tendulkar and debutante Praveen Amre put India on the road to victory.

The much-vaunted Indian batting proved brittle against

some quality pace bowling by Allan Donald who threatened to fashion the victory for his team.

The balding pitch at the Captain Roop Singh Stadium here tends to favour the batsman and both the teams have ample armoury to exploit the conditions.

However, recent performances by Indian team did not reflect the strength of the batting line-up. That trend would have to be reversed and none other than captain Mohammed Azharuddin would be looking towards such an occurrence. Indian bowling at Calcutta depended upon the medium-pacers with Kapil Dev and Manoj Prabhakar making maximum use of the moisture. The act could be repeated here since the city has experienced drizzle during the past two days and the outfield is

still wet.

That should not deter South African skipper Clive Rice whose team may lack international match experience but contains many individual performers who have to be knit together.

Rice, at 42, is the oldest member of playing squad on either side and will look forward to improve upon his debut performance which can show the Indian spectators what he did with the bat for Nottinghamshire in English County.

With the likes of Kepler Wessel, the only player to have represented two countries in one-day internationals with the other being Australia, and all-rounder Adrian Kuiper in their ranks, South Africa can set-up or chase a reasonable total on this ground.

Meanwhile, hectic prepara-

tions are on to host the match with president of the Indian Cricket Board, Mr Madhavrao Scindia personally supervising the arrangements.

TEAMS:

India: Mohd Azharuddin (Capt), Ravi Shastri, Navjot Sidhu, Sanjay Manjrekar, Sachin Tendulkar, Praveen Amre, Manoj Prabhakar, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Venkatapathy Raju, Javagal Srinath, Saurav Ganguly, K. Srikant, Dilip Vengsarkar, Chandrakant Pandit, Subroto Banerjee.

South Africa: Clive Rice, Jimmy Cook, Andrew Hudson, Kepler Wessel, Peter Kirsten, Adrian Kuiper, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Tim Shaw, Allan Donald, Richard Snell, Mandy Yachad, Craig Matthews.

Umpires: R V Ramani (Tn) and S K Bansal (Delhi).

Navratilova equals Evert's feat

OAKLAND, California, Nov 11: Martina Navratilova equalled Chris Evert's all-time professional record of 157 career titles by defeating Monica Seles of Yugoslavia 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to win the 350,000-dollar Virginia Slims of California tennis tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Navratilova, who could break Evert's record in her last 1991 tournament in two weeks at the New York championships, now has a 5-5 career record against Seles.

"This win is as satisfying as a Grand Slam title in many ways. When I came here before the tournament, I was in the emotional dumps. To beat Monica and equal the record of a great friend of mine tickets me pink," said the second-seeded Navratilova, who won 70,000 dollars.

Navratilova won the match by playing aggressively and forcing Seles to pass her at the net. Navratilova won 73 of 124 points at the net and missed



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA just one approach shot the entire match.

The aggressive, hard-hitting play of both Navratilova and the

top-seeded Seles in other's service games resulted in 13 breaks of serve in 27 games. Still, the quality of tennis was exceptional high and many

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