

Win brings Windies back in race

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 11: West Indies still have a chance of reaching the finals of the World Series after winning for the first time in the series against India here today, reports AFP.

Their only joint in their five previous games had been from a tie against India and the washed-out game against Australia at Melbourne.

Now the side who had appeared to be out of touch after the loss of veterans like Viv Richards, Jeff Dujon and Gordon Greenidge, showed signs of their old flair.

"This performance had a much better feel to it," said their skipper Richie Richardson who top-scored with 72.

Opener Desmond Haynes continued his consistent run with his fourth 50 in six innings and Richardson made his first major contribution since the series began.

The game was won by six wickets with nine balls to spare after Haynes and Richardson put on 109 in 168 deliveries for the third wicket as the scene was set for a crucial game against Australia on the same ground Sunday.

India lost control of the tie almost as soon as it began. Once again their batsmen put up a disappointing display.

They found that the ball moved around freely early in their innings but appeared to lack the patience to wait for the runs even though they were being given extras from a wayward West Indies attack.

India lost their first four wickets for 35, although the West Indies attack found that umpire Daren Hair in particular had a strict view of what constituted a wide. He ruled the first three deliveries of the match — sent down by Curtly Ambrose — wides, even though all three began on line. Later, the Indian bowlers

also suffered from the strict rulings on wides and they gave away 13 compared with 15 by the West Indies bowlers. When man-of-the-match Anderson Cummins, the young all-rounder, entered the attack with Malcolm Marshall, the wickets of Kris Srikkanth, Navjot Sidhu and Mohammad Azharuddin fell quickly and Sanjay Manjrekar was run out by a direct hit from Brian Lara.



RICHIE RICHARDSON

It took a seventh-wicket stand of 76 between the teenage wonder Sachin Tendulkar and Kapil Dev to give the Indians their total of 191. There were still nine balls of their innings left when Cummins, who finished with five for 31, captured the last two wickets with successive balls.

Cummins, a 25-year-old quick bowler from Barbados in only his eighth one-day international, admitted: "It is the first time I have taken five wickets in an innings in top

WSC TABLE

Standings in the World Series Cup one-day cricket competition after today's match between India and West Indies (tableau under-played, won, tied, lost, no result, points):

Australia	6	4	0	1	9
India	6	2	1	3	5
West Indies	6	1	1	3	4

cricket. It's been a good day for me."

Tendulkar, who made his highest test score earlier in the week, played another superb innings although when he was caught in the deep for 77, it looked as if he had gone over to all-out attack too early.

AP adds: Richardson hit a sparkling 72 from 120 deliveries with eight fours.

The win gave the West Indies four points in the series — one behind India, Australia already is assured of a spot in the finals.

The Indian bowlers restricted the West Indies early in their run chase as the Caribbean squad slumped to 24 for two off 12 overs.

Richardson then returned to form to combine with Desmond Haynes to lay the foundation for victory.

The pair added 109 in 168 deliveries for the third wicket as the Indian attack wilted.

Haynes hit five boundaries in his stay of 138 minutes and he gave the innings the steadiness it needed after Philo Wallace (4) and Brian Lara (4) failed to get going.

India did well to set a target after the West Indies pace attack had reduced it to 62 for five after 19 overs.

Only an impressive 77 from Sachin Tendulkar prevented the innings from becoming a complete debacle.

He faced 130 deliveries for five fours and gave his more experienced team mates a batting lesson.

All-rounder Kapil Dev added a late 28 but it was the early wayward bowling by the West Indies' pace attack that provided the second-highest total.

Extras amounted to 36, which included 15 wides and eight no balls. Curtly Ambrose and Malcolm Marshall were the main offenders.

The West Indies faces Australia at the same venue on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

Scores at the end of the first innings in the World Series competition tie between India and West Indies here today. India won toss.

INDIA

Srikkanth c Marshall b Cummins 4

Sidhu c Hooper b Marshall 1

Manjrekar run out (Lara) b Cummins 77

Azharuddin lbw b Marshall 8

Prabhakar c and b Patterson 14

Kapil Dev c Marshall b Patterson 28

K S More not out 11

V Raju c Williams b Cummins 8

Srinath c Williams b Cummins 0

Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 15, nb 8) 36

Total (48.3 overs) 191

Fall: 1-14, 2-20, 3-21, 4-35, 5-62, 6-85, 7-161, 8-178, 9-191.

Bowling O M R W

Ambrose 10 0 4 10

Marshall 10 0 30 2

Cummins 9.3 1 31 5

Patterson 9 0 52 2

Hooper 10 0 24 0

WEST INDIES

Haynes c sub b Raju Wallace c Srinath b Prabhakar 4

Lara c Manjrekar b Srinath 4

Richardson lbw b Prabhakar 72

Hooper not out 19

Best not out 9

Extras (b 2 lb 8 nb 9 w 13) 32

Total (for four wickets) 192

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-24, 3-33, 5-170.

Did not bat: Williams, Marshall, Ambrose, Cummins, Patterson.

Bowling O M R W

Kapil Dev 10 3 33 0

Prabhakar 9 1 39 2

Srinath 9 3 27 1

Tendulkar 7 0 27 0

Raju 10 0 33 1

Srikkanth 3 0 21 0

Sidhu 0.3 0 2 0

West Indies won by six wickets.

England outclass the Kiwis

AUCKLAND, Jan 11: England's cricketers crushed New Zealand today by seven wickets in the first of three one-day internationals, with Hampshire's Robin Smith scoring a match-winning 61 not out, reports Reuter.

England's bowlers, led by Hong Kong-born medium pacer Dermot Reeve, tied the New Zealand batting line-up in knots, limiting the home team to 178 for 7 from 50 overs on a placid wicket that offered little to pace or seam.

Reeve took three for 20, while left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell conceded only 17 runs from his 10 overs.

England, who have won two matches and drawn one so far on their tour of New Zealand, started confidently with in-form batsmen, Graham Gooch and Graeme Hick smashing the first 50 in just eight overs.

Hick departed after scoring 23 and Gooch hit six fours in a smart innings of 47 before Smith came to the crease. Fifty of his 61 runs came in boundaries as New Zealand's bowlers failed miserably to find any line

or length. England scored 179 for three in just over two hours with 16 overs to spare to win the match.

"We were outplayed in all departments," a dejected New Zealand captain Martin Crowe said after the match.

The England victory was a crucial confidence-booster before next weekend's first Test against New Zealand in Christchurch, England captain Graham Gooch said.

"We got off to a flying start when we batted. It was very difficult for their bowlers to protect their score," Gooch told reporters.

The English fielding was as tight as the bowling, although Hick and Neal Fairbrother both dropped catches and Fairbrother missed a relatively easy run-out opportunity.

The New Zealanders were reeling at 81 for five before youngsters Chris Cairns and Chris Harris put together an 84-run partnership to give England a target to aim for.

Cairns, intimidating-looking with fluorescent orange sunblock on his nose, was unable to repeat his form when bowling, conceding 32 runs in five

overs. Reeve, playing only his second one-day international, said after the match the Auckland strip was unusual and he had to bowl more slowly than planned.

Essex medium-pacer Derek Pringle picked up two wickets, although he was the most expensive England bowler as he drifted frequently from his line.

With fast bowler David Lawrence ruled out with a side injury, Chris Lewis spearheaded the pace attack, taking two for 33 from eight overs.

Apart from Allam Lamb, caught by Crowe after scoring just 12, the four other English batsmen struck each ball as if it was intended to rattle the boundary fence at Eden Park.

At stumps, 114 of England's 179 runs had come from boundaries, with 27 fours — and one six from Smith.

England now travel to New Zealand's South Island for a three-day game against a New Zealand XI before the first of three Tests, which begins on Saturday.

NEW ZEALAND

J. Wright c Stewart b Lewis 6

R. Latham lbw Pringle 25

M. Crowe b Reeve 31

A. Jones c Stewart b Reeve 1

M. Greatbatch c Hick b Reeve 4

C. Harris not out 38

C. Cairns c Hick b Pringle 42

I. Smith c Gooch b Lewis 2

C. Pringle not out 9

Extras (lb-13, w-4, nb-3) 20

Total (For seven wickets, 50 overs) 178

Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-45; 3-51; 4-61; 5-81; 6-165; 7-167.

Bowling: O M R W

DeFreitas 10 1 34 0

Lewis 8 0 33 2

Pringle 6 1 32 2

Reeve 10 3 20 3

Tufnell 10 3 17 0

Hick 6 0 28 0

ROBIN SMITH

England won by seven wickets.

CBFS is pro-Pak:Kapil

NEW DELHI, Jan 11: India, still angered by what they regard as rule violations last year, decided on Friday not to play in the lucrative Sharjah cricket tournament in April, reports Reuter.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in the southern city of Madras, local news agencies reported.

"Indian board members unanimously decided to turn down the invitation for the April tournament as they felt the tournament was not conducted according to the stipulated rules," a BCCI spokesman said.

The agencies quoted the spokesman as saying India's future participation would depend upon measures taken by tournament organisers to restore confidence in them.

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Sanchez denies Forget NSW title

SYDNEY, Jan 11: Emilio Sanchez won the 485,000 US dollar New South Wales Open men's tennis singles title when he defeated holder Guy Forget 6-3, 6-4 in the final today, reports Reuter.

The Spaniard will return to the White City Courts on Sunday to see if his younger sister, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, can make it a family affair by winning her women's singles final against Gabriela Sabatini.

Forget, France's Davis Cup hero, began as favourite but failed to produce the serving power that took him to the final allowing Sanchez to achieve crucial breaks in both sets.

"It was my best performance of the week against the best player," Sanchez said after his victory, the first by a Spaniard in the Tournament.

Seeded seventh Sanchez, the world number 15, looked in control throughout against the third-seeded Forget and will go to the Australian Open, which begins in Melbourne on Monday, full of confidence.

Earlier Arantxa fought off a brave challenge from teenaged German Anke Huber to book her final place against top seed Sabatini who easily beat Mary-Joe Fernandez in straight sets.



EMILIO SANCHEZ

Any thoughts Casablanca-born Forget had that he would repeat his win against Michael Stich in last year's final were soon dissipated by Sanchez who broke the defending champion in the sixth game of the first set.

Sanchez was only strongly

challenged in the fourth game of the second set. He responded by saving five break points and then broke Forget to take a lead he never let slip.

While the NSW Open title no longer has the cachet, or field, that it possessed in the days when Australians Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, John Newcombe and Rod Laver, ruled the tennis world, Sanchez was still delighted with his win.

In the Australian Open, played on the same Rebound Ace surface, he is seeded to meet Boris Becker in the last 16.

The clay court specialist said winning here had been a big boost to his confidence on hardcourts while Forget pleaded mental and physical distractions.

He has been drawn against Davis Cup partner Henri Leconte in the first round of the Australian Open.

"They should not have made the draw until later," he said. "Everyone is on about it and I am already mentally in that match."

He also said he was suffering an inflamed left elbow

which affected his serve and may force him to withdraw from the doubles in Melbourne, in which he partners Leconte.

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario is chasing her first tournament win four more than a year.

She failed to win a tournament in 1991 after reaching the final here and losing to Jana Novotna, and nearly went out this time against 17-year-old Huber who was three points from victory in the second set.

But, having been ruled against in a disputed line call, Sanchez-Vicario, the second seed, went from 4-6, 4-5 down to win eight of the next nine games and take the match 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Life was much easier for Sabatini who was rarely troubled as she brushed aside Mary-Joe Fernandez, the fourth seed, 6-2, 6-3 reeling off streaks of five and four straight games to clinch the respective sets.

Emilio had a few words of advice for his sister: "She is playing really good tennis and must believe in herself. Of course she can win."

Edberg nursing injury on eve of Aussie Open

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 11: Stefan Edberg said Saturday he was nursing an injury to his right arm just 48 hours before the start of the Australian Open — the first Grand Slam tennis tournament of the year, reports AP.

The Swede, ranked No 1 in the world and holder of the US Open title, withdrew from his scheduled match at the Rio Challenge exhibition tournament, citing a need to rest.

Edberg, 25, was to play in the third-place playoff in the exhibition but said he was suffering from "aches and pains" in his arm.

Umpires take on Sydney daily

BRISBANE, Jan 11: The two umpires who handled the second test between Australia and India at Melbourne last month issued writs against The Sydney Telegraph Mirror in Sydney Friday, reports AFP.

Steve Randall and Peter McConnell were the subject of an article by the former Indian captain.

Sunil Gavaskar in the Times of India which was also published in The Telegraph Mirror under the headline "Aussie cheats".

In the report Gavaskar wrote that the Indian cricketers now touring Australia were "playing not against 11 men, but 13."

Ito strives for Asian glory

TOKYO, Jan 11: Former world figure skating champion Midori Ito is adding the grace of Russian choreography to her tremendous jumps, chasing the first women's Winter Olympics gold for Japan — and for the whole of Asia, reports AFP.

"I only had the joy of competing last time but I wish to have the joy of winning this time," 22-year-old Ito, fifth at Calgary in 1984, said recently while turning up for the Albertville Games next month.

Gone are the days when Japanese ski jumpers finished one-two-three on their 70-meter home hill at the Sapporo Games in 1972, bringing Asia their only gold so far in the Winter Olympics dating from 1924.

While ski jumpers are unlikely to break their medal drought since Hirokazu Yagi took the 70-meter silver in 1980, Ito is seen the closest to the victors podium among the largest-ever Japanese Olympic contingent of 63 competitors.

The tiny, oval rink of short-track skating, a new Olympic sport, might also see Japanese triumph in the person of Tsutomu Kawasaki, 22, who won the 1,000-meter at the 1990 World Championships with a world record time of 1 min 31.80 sec.

In 1989, Ito lifted the first world title in winter sports for Asia, a year after becoming the first woman to make good a triple-axel, or a jump with three and a half revolutions.

The diminutive employee of a hotel chain owned by billionaire businessman and sports czar Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, Ito was beaten to second place by

American Jill Trenary in 1990 and jumped into a photographers pit last year to finish fourth.

Hoping to overcome a long run of low scores for the artistic element of her performance, she hired a Soviet choreographer last year and slowed the pace of her free programme from an up tempo number.



MIDORI ITO

She will cut figures to the tune of the tango "Jealously" in her original programme and music by Rachmaninov in free skating.

"I wasn't sure at first if it would suit me but now I am confident. I'll just have to perform my way," she said after beating French quadruple jumper Surya Bonaly at the NHK Cup at Hiroshima last month despite a few faulty jumps.

Ito also beat world champion Shristie Yamaguchi of the United States at the pre-

World championship cancelled

DUBAI, Jan 11: The twice-postponed World Cup Squash championships in Dubai, which planned a record prize money of \$125,000 — has been cancelled, officials said Friday, reports AP.

The tournament had most recently been scheduled for Feb. 11-15.

Roger Eady, executive director of International Squash Players' Association, reached by telephone at ISPA's headquarters in Cardiff, said organizers of the Dubai event, the United Arab Emirates Squash Racquets Association, failed to come up with 50 percent of the total prize money as a guarantee.

"We were only protecting the interests of the players and the association, and what with the tournament already postponed twice, ISPA thought it would be doing the correct thing if half the total prize money was with us which would guarantee the holding of the tournament," Eady said.

He said the organizers were given a deadline of Dec 15 and had extended it another week on their insistence. "But ISPA then sat out over long deliberations and finally came to the conclusion that it would be proper to call off the tournament."

The organizers could not be reached because of the Muslim Sabbath.

There was no comment from the tournament promoters, ARY Traders, which had pledged to install an all-glass court for the tournament, which was costing upwards of 1 million dirhams (dhs 368,000).

Meanwhile, Kuwait will organize the inaugural Liberation Cup squash tournament with all top stars participating from Feb 6-11, according to Eady.

World No 1 Jahangir Khan of Pakistan heads the 32-strong field completed by competitors from the Gulf state.

The Pakistani will be joined by Chris Dittmar, the World No 3 from Australia, former world champion Ross Norman of Briton Mark Maclean, Julien Bonetat of France and David Sisti of Italy. Germany, Japan and the United States will also be represented.

Lewis demands better pit

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11: Olympic champion Carl Lewis plans an attempt on his world indoor long jump record of 8.79 metres at the Stockholm athletics gala on February 5, the organisers said on Friday, reports Reuter.

"Lewis had made only one demand, that we guarantee that the approach and pit allow for nine-metre jumps," spokesman Anders Olsson said.

Fellow American Mike Powell holds the world outdoor record of 8.95 — set at the world championships in Tokyo last August.

Olsson said world pole vault record holder Sergat Bubka would also compete in the gala.

Jahangir to play in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 11: World number one Jahangir Khan of Pakistan and number three Chris Dittmar of Australia have been confirmed for the Liberation Cup squash tournament in Kuwait to mark the first anniversary of the Gulf War, reports AFP.

The event will involve the number one players from 10 nations who took part in the defeat of Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait, the International Squash Professional Association (ISPA) said.

Announcement of the competition came as ISPA announced that the World Cup in neighbouring Dubai had been cancelled because the organisers failed to deposit half the 65,000 dollars prize money with the world body by the deadline given.

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