

A draw looks likely at Wellington

WELLINGTON, Feb 9: With a deficit of 127 on the first innings in the third Test, England were 171 for three at close of play on the fourth day here Sunday, reports AFP.

England will go into the final day just 44 ahead with seven wickets remaining the second innings.

In their quest to bowl England out for a low second innings score, New Zealand began well. They removed Graham Gooch in the sixth over with the total on 17 when Cairns made the ball rise a little from not much short of a length and Gooch, taken by surprise, lobbed it to Ken Rutherford at gully. He had made 11 from 26 balls in as many minutes.

Morrison and Cairns tried to bounce at Graeme Hick, knowing his one weakness. But he coped well, at first hooking Cairns for four. He then drove Morrison to long off and ran three as the ball was stopped just inside the boundary.

Stewart then hooked Cairns for four and straight drove Morrison as runs came rapidly. One moment of concern for Hick was when Cairns again got one to rise from a good length and Hick, fending it off, saw the ball drop just short of Patel at forward short leg.

After 14 overs from the pace bowlers costing 48 runs, Martin Crow, the New Zealand captain, decided on a double change, bringing on a combined pace and spin attack.

England's 50 came in the 15th over off Murphy Su'a and in the same over, Su'a's first, he had Hick caught behind for 22. It was a delivery that was slanted across the batsman, catching him in two minds.

Hick, apparently attempting to let the ball go, gave a things edge and England were 55 for two. His runs had come quickly from 23 balls, four of which were hit to the boundary.

Robin Smith made a shaky start with Patel nearly having him caught on five. He played



GRAEME HICK ... 4 for 126

forward against the spin and the ball went between and over silly point and short gully to drop inches out of reach.

Stewart, who has been in such good form in this series, showed the confidence with which he played that fine, century-making innings on the first day.

He pulled Murphy Su'a twice to mid-wicket for four, getting very quickly on to the short ball and cover drove Patel twice again to the boundary. His 50 came in 107 minutes and in the following over he did well to get a boundary at third man from a delivery from Su'a that kept very low.

Stewart managed to bring his bat down quickly and steer the ball past the only slip fielder. In the same over he pulled Su'a to be caught at square leg but was relieved to see the umpire signal no-ball.

After tea, which was taken with England on 102 for 2 with Stewart on 57, Su'a showed his versatility by bowling left-arm orthodox spin while Patel bowled his off-spinners from the other end.

With the score on 127 England lost the third wicket with Stewart caught down the leg side by wicketkeeper Ian Smith for 63. He had batted for 163 minutes and hit eight boundaries from the 127 balls he received.

Smith picked up his runs with forceful shots on the off and Allan Lamb, although hitting both Su'a, who had reverted to medium pace, and Patel for fours in successive overs had a couple of anxious moments with Patel extracting considerable turn at times.

England's 150 came in the 56th over and by stumps Smith was on 41 and Lamb on 24.

Earlier New Zealand had declared on 432 for nine at lunch after resuming their innings on 340 for six. Their 92 runs in the morning had come mainly from England's spin bowlers Hick and Tufnell, who bowled for most of the first session.

Hick finished with four for 126 from 69 overs. Tufnell's two cost 147 from 71 overs which became a record for the highest number of overs ever bowled in an innings in a Test match in New Zealand.

From 369-7 for New Zealand on Sunday, Chris Cairns and Ian Smith took the tally past the 400 mark before Smith was bowled by Graeme Hick.

Cairns made 33 before he fell to an excellent, tumbling legside catch by wicketkeeper Jack Russell off Ian Botham to give the England all-rounder his 381st Test wicket.

Danny Morrison and Murphy Su'a (20) carried the

score to 432-9 at lunch when Martin Crow declared.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on Sunday, the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between New Zealand and England:

ENGLAND: First innings 305

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 340 for six) Hartland c Botham b Lawrence 2 Wright c Reeve b Tufnell 116 Jones b Hick 143 Crow b Tufnell 30 Rutherford run out 8 Latham b Hick 25 Patel lbw b Hick 9 Cairns c Russell b Botham 33 Smith b Hick 21 Su'a not out 20 Morrison not out 0 Extras (lb-15, b-1, w-1, nb-8) 25 Total (For nine wickets declared) 432

Fall of wickets 1-3; 2-244; 3-308; 4-312; 5-327; 6-340; 7-369; 8-404; 9-430.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Defreitas	8	4	12	0
Lawrence	27	7	67	1
Tufnell	71	22	147	2
Hick	69	27	126	4
Botham	14	4	53	1
Reeve	3	1	11	0

ENGLAND: Second innings

Gooch c Rutherford b Cairns 11 Stewart c Smith b Patel 63 Hick c Smith b Su'a 22 Smith not out 41 Lamb not out 24 Extras (lb-9, nb-1) 10 Total (for three wickets) 171 Did not bat: D Reeve, I Botham, J Russell, P DeFreitas, D Lawrence, P Tufnell. Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-52; 3-127.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Morrison	13	4	24	0
Cairns	10	2	38	1
Su'a	17	5	40	1
Patel	23	7	60	1

Aussie sides embarrass World Cuppers

SYDNEY, Feb 9: Cricket's World Cup is still two weeks away. For at least four teams in the tournament that's probably a good thing, reports AP.

South Africa, India and Zimbabwe all lost to Australian state sides on Sunday in warmup matches for the World Cup that begins on Feb 22. Pakistan, meanwhile, had a poor start in a three-day match against another state side after losing a one-day match Saturday.

The South Africans, banished from international cricket for 22 years because of the country's apartheid policies, lost by three wickets to Western Australia at Perth. The team, reinstated last year, arrived from South Africa late Friday and could be excused for still needing time to get the travel kinks out.

Zimbabwe also used jet lag as the reason for an embarrassing 129-run loss to a Queensland state second XI team in Brisbane. The visitors, who also arrived in Australia on Friday, were dismissed for only 104 runs in just 33.5 overs against an attack comprising mostly Brisbane first-grade cricketers.

India, playing a Victoria state team at Benalla, could not use travel as an excuse. They've been in Australia for several months, losing a test-match series and the one-day World Series championship to Australia.

On Sunday, they again found the going tough, suffering a 33-run defeat in the limited-overs match. Set 205 for victory, India managed just 171

with teenage batting star Sachin Tendulkar scoring 59. On Devonport, Pakistan's batsmen had problems on the



South African batsman Jonathan Rhodes plays a cut shot on Feb 9 in his team's historic first game on Australian soil in 28 years. South Africa lost the thriller against Western Australia by one wicket. — AFP photo

On Saturday at Launceston, Australian Test player David Boon scored 73 runs to lead Tasmania to a 42-run victory

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Scores from Sunday's matches:

South Africa 157-8 (Jonty Rhodes 35, Brian McMillan 32; Terry Alderman 28-2; Tom Moody 34-2); Western Australia 159-7 (Mike Veletta 35; Neyrick Pringle 29-4); Western Australia won by three wickets.

Zimbabwe 104 (David Houghton 22; Ken Healy 19-3); Queensland Second XI 233 (Kim Evetts 64; Michael Kasprowitz 48; M Jarvis 50-3); Queensland won by 129 runs.

Victoria 204-9 (Darren Lehmann 71; Paul Nobes 29; Krish Srikanth 38-2); India 171 (Sachin Tendulkar 59; Sanjay Manjrekar 34 not out; Mery Hughes 22-3); Victoria state won by 33 runs.

Pakistan 198-8 declared (Rameez Raja 50, Zahid Fazal 47; Shaun Young 36-5); Tasmania 25-1 (at stumps on the first day).

opening day of a three-day tour match against Tasmania. Pakistan struggled to 198-8 declared as only two of the first six batsmen scored more than 20 runs.

Two other teams in the one-day, limited-overs World Cup tournament were in action in New Zealand on Sunday. England, with an unbeatable 2-

0 lead in a three-test series, had a small lead over New Zealand in its second innings in a match that will likely end in a draw on the fifth and final day Monday.

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Surreal circus marks opening of Albertville Winter Olympics

ALBERTVILLE, Feb 9: A surreal circus show and a parade of athletes from a record 65 nations raised the curtain on Saturday on the biggest Winter Olympics in

VIPs joined in the Mexican vave which which has become a crowd favourite at major international sporting events.

The ceremony, seen by an estimated two billion television viewers, combined mimicry of the sports at the 16-day Games

Cheers greeted teams from newly-independent Croatia and Slovenia on their Olympic debut, the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and Germany, tipped as the medal machine of the Games with its first united Olympic



Russian Ljubov Yegorova of the united team raises her skis in jubilation after winning the gold medal in the women's 15-km cross-country competition in Les Saisies on Feb 9. It was the first gold medal of the XVI Winter Olympics. — AFP photo

history, reports Reuter.

Human mobiles suspended from cranes dangled above Albertville Stadium at an opening ceremony that mixed Olympic tradition with the daredevil stunts of the bigtop.

As a day of glorious sunshine cast its last rays over the stadium, French President Francois Mitterrand declared open the Games before a crowd of 33,000.

It included some 2,000 athletes, Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch, US Vice-President Dan Quayle and a host of other dignitaries.

The Olympic torch, lit in Athens, was carried into the stadium on the final leg of its journey by French soccer team manager Michel Platini, one of the country's most popular sporting personalities.

A huge cheer went up as he joined a French child to climb to the top tier of the open-air arena.

Typically, in a show conceived to surprise, the child lit a ball of fire that sizzled along a cable to ignite the Olympic flame in a 23-metre (75-foot) high bowl just outside the stadium.

The oath on behalf of the athletes was taken by European figure skating champion Surya Bonaly of France.

Earlier, President Mitterrand, Quayle and other

with bizarre circus acts.

Trapeze artists turned somersaults on ropes slung from a mast in the centre of the stadium, a performer on skis descended from on high on a wire cable and ice hockey players pranced on stilts as human curling "stones" whizzed past.

Music ranged from French accordions, giant Alpine horns and mountain bells of the Savoie region of the Alps to the Olympic anthem and the Marseillaise and on top space-age electronic pop.

The show opened with a fly-past by French air force jets trailing smoke in the colours of the five Olympic rings and a welcome announcement over loudspeakers that was translated into sign language for the deaf.

Athletes from each national team were led into the stadium by escorts dressed as human snowflakes.

Double Olympic Alpine skiing champion Alberto Tomba carried Italy's flag, France marched behind Nordic skier Fabrice Guy, one of the host's best hopes of a gold medal.

The only Belarusian in a Russian-dominated squad from five former Soviet republics in the new Commonwealth of Independent States carried the Olympic flag for the unified team.

team since 1964.

Competition began even before the opening ceremony with two ice hockey matches. Four of the 57 gold medal events, including the blue riband men's downhill, were scheduled for Sunday.

Austrian win's men's downhill

VAL D'ISERE, France, Feb 9: Patrick Ortlieb of Austria won the men's downhill gold medal Sunday, finishing in 1:50.37, reports AP.

Franck Piccard of France took the silver in 1:50.42, and Guenther Mader, also of Austria, won the bronze in 1:50.47.

Ortlieb, 24, the first racer down the steep and winding 3,048-meter course. His time held up as three of the favourites fell or missed gates and other racers failed to overtake his clocking.

Piccard, the 23rd starter, thrilled French spectators lining the finish area with a time that was only five-hundredths of a second behind.

Mader, who started 14th, was a tenth of a second behind the leader.

Among the favourites who hit gates and fell were Paul Accola of Switzerland and Leonard Stock of Austria, the 1980 gold medalist.

German sets luge course record

LA PLAGNE, Feb 9: Georg Hackl of Germany, the 1988 silver medalist, set a course record of 45.190 seconds on his first run and took the men's luge lead with a combined time of 1 minute, 30.541 seconds after two runs on Sunday in the 16th Winter Olympics, reports AP.

Markus Schmid of Austria was second at 1:30.659, followed by teammate and 1991-92 World Cup champion Markus Prock at 1:30.686. Italy's Norbert Huber was fourth at 1:30.906 and Italy's Oswald Haselrieder fifth at 1:31.017.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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9 Lie on the expense account	38 Lincoln logs?	1 Existed
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13 He gives a hoot	43 Letter- from overseas?	3 Array of colors
14 Cross-word bird	44 Drop	4 Oklahoma city
15 Hard	45 Block	5 Duck
16 Baby-shower gift	47 Eating area	6 Lump
18 With nervous-ness	49 Soviet union	7 Vacation- ing
20 Major ruckus	52 Quiche ingredient	8 Journalist
21 Barracks bed	53 "Yes, captain"	9 Summer eating site
23 "Fou- cault's Pendulum" author	54 Cartoonist Jimmy	10 Sultry Susan
24 Actor Jeremy	55 "Cock-a- doodle-	11 Regimens 17 Trip to the
25 Picnic invaders		
27 La Scala offering		
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31 Birth- control advocate		

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 8-9

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Krabbe & co await results

KARLSRUHE, Germany, Feb 9: The results of a second urine sample taken from suspended German athletes Katrin Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Silke Moeller will be announced on Sunday morning, the German Athletic Federation (DFV) said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The DFV indefinitely suspended Krabbe, the double world sprint champion, and her two German team mates from all competition on Friday after an irregularity in a dope test.

Officials said three urine samples appeared to come from the same athlete and the trio were suspended pending the results of a second sample.

The samples were taken at a training camp in South Africa last month and are being analysed by one of the world's leading drugs experts, Professor Manfred Donike, at his laboratory in Cologne.

Donike flew to Cologne from Albertville where he was attending the Winter Olympics in his capacity as member of the International Olympic Committee medical commission.

Meanwhile, Breuer, the world 400 metres silver medalist at last year's Tokyo World Championships, has run

In this weekend's German indoor championships here after winning an injunction against the suspension. On Saturday she set a year's best time of 23.03 in a 200 metres heat.



KATRIN KRABBE

Breuer's coach Thomas Springstein said the suspension had been hasty.

"The DLV has burdened the athletes with a lot of guilt and extreme strain," he said on Saturday.

"I think there were mistakes in the process (of taking samples) and our lawyers will be taking steps."

Although the three tests were negative, the International Amateur Athletic Federation's (IAAF) rules state that anyone trying to evade a drug test or found to have doctored a urine test is liable to the same suspension as an athlete found guilty of taking drugs.

Athletes who test positive for performance enhancing drugs can be automatically suspended for four years.

Officials said a fourth German athlete, Olympic 800 metres champion Sigrun Grau, had also been tested at the same Stellenbosch training camp and the sample had been negative.

Krabbe was named as the IAAF woman athlete for 1991 after winning the 100 and 200 metres in Tokyo.

Her athletic process and blonde good looks have made her a highly marketable property and she has been viewed as a symbol of the new united Germany.

SA to sport green-and-gold at Barcelona

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 9: South African athletes will compete in their traditional gold and green colours, but without the famous Springbok logo, when they make their first Olympic appearance in 30 years in Barcelona this year, reports AP.

The decision was announced at a National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA) meeting here on Saturday where 20 sports were represented.

NOCSA vice-president Muleki George received a standing ovation when he told delegates that of the three colour combinations considered, the NOCSA executive had opted for gold and green.

But he said that instead of a Springbok symbol, South African athletes would sport a logo bearing the five Olympic rings under the word's "South Africa."

And instead of the current national anthem, "Die Stem," South Africans will make their Olympic re-entry to the strains of the "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, George said.

Black athletes associate both the Springbok logo and the anthem with the decades during which they were excluded from national and international competition by the white minority Pretoria government.

South Africa was kicked out of the International Olympic Committee in 1970 due to apartheid but South African athletes have not competed in the Olympics since Rome in 1960.

In response to political reforms by President Frederik De Klerk, the republic was readmitted to the IOC last July.

Since then the sporting

codes in the country have scrambled to meet NOCSA's non-racial unity requirement for participation at Barcelona.

But athletics, the biggest Olympic sport, remains divided and the newly-formed track and field body has not been recognised by the International Amateur Athletics Federation.

IOC chairman Juan Antonio Samaranch said on Thursday that he remained confident South Africa would compete in athletics and said judge Keba Mbaye would lead an IOC team to South Africa in March to sort out the remaining problems.

Koreas agree to talk

SEOUL, Feb 9: South and North Korea have agreed to resume talks on sending a single team to the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics, a news report said Sunday, reports AP.

The agreement is the latest sign of a thawing of relations between the two Koreas, which have been bitter enemies for 45 years. In December, the capitalist South and communist North signed agreements on reconciliation and denuclearization.

The two Koreas held a series of sports talks early last year, but the North called off the talks in August after the defection of a North Korean athlete to the South.

Yonhap, South Korea's national news agency, said the agreement was reached in a meeting in France on Saturday between South Korean Sports and Youth Minister Lee Jin-sam and Kim Yu Sun, chairman of the North Korean State Physical Culture and Sports Committee.

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8-9 CRYPTOQUIP

TRGNYLC VHH-VYCOV DOHRD.
KRNYHXYAGWJ, TYWW XH
YLG KYLAO.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FOOTBALL PLAYER'S KID REALLY IS A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCKFR.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals O

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.