

South African captain Keppler Wessels plays a ball through square leg during the one-day international against Pakistan at Canberra's Manuka Oval on Feb 15. -AFP photo

Imran fails to deny Extras : (b2. lb8, w14,

CANBERRA, Auxtralia, Feb 15 South Africa warmed up for the upcoming World Cup with an exciting win over injury-hit Pakistan in a one-day match at the Manuka Oval here

Saturday, reports AFP. After scoring 205 for five in their 50 overs, the spirited South Africans engineered a dramatic Pakistani collapse to win the first ever sporting contest between the two countries by 17 runs.

Pakistan, who were cruising to victory at 172 for four in the 45th over, lost their last six wickets for 16 runs to be shot out for 188 with three balls remaining in the match.

Seamer Brian McMillan took five for 32 and Richard Snell and Merryck Pringle two wickets each to give South Africa a morale-boosting win ahead of their first Cup ap-

pearance. South Africa face defending champions Australia in their first World Cup match in Sydney on February 26, four days after the nine-nation tournament begins in Australia

and New Zealand on February The loss proved a major setback to the highly fancied Pakistanis who are yet to name their final squad of 14 because of injuries to key players Wagar Younis and Javed

Miundad. The injury list grew

er Russian Alexander Volkov

in the quarter-finals of the Bel

gian indoor tennis tournament

said the victory of the Ame-

rican, who dethroned Stefan

Edberg last week, held the top

ranking for a second week

even if the top-seeded Swede

won the Brussels tournament.

In the opening quarter-fi

nal, third seed Boris Becker

beat fellow German Carl-Uwc

Steeb 6-3. 7-6 in a repeat of

the 1990 final won by Becker.

ATP official Richard Evans

on Friday, reports Reuter.

15: New world

number one Jim

Courter was made

to work hard for

a 7-6, 7-6 win ov-

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Saturday when star batsman Sulim Malik sprained an ankle while fielding and hobbled to the batting crease accompanied by a runner.

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in 50 overs)

Bowling

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Aagib

Sohail

PAKISTAN:

b McMillan

b McMillan

Pringle

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overs)

Bowling

Donald

Pringle

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M. Millan

Total: (for five wickets

3-116, 4-162, 5-182,

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Rameez Raja c Richardson

Aamer Sohail c Richardosn

Igbal Stkander b McMillan

Fail of wickets: 1-23, 2-85,

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3-146, 4-146, 5-172, 6-172,

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at 6 5 when Volkov hit long.

He does a lot of things that

"I've been winning a lot of

Becker said he never found

Becker was in control in

the first set, but had to fight

back from 3-0 down in the

are very surprising, he's a very

unorthodox player." Courier

close matches in the last cou-

ple of weeks and I'm pretty

confident towards the end of

matches. That helps."

it easy to play Steeb.

Salim Jaffar b McMillan

Inzamamul Haq lbw b

Imran Khan b Pringle

Zahid Fazal c Snell b

ljaz Ahmed b Snell

Salim Malik b Snell

Aagib Javed not out

Extras : (b4.lb2, w9.

Total: (all out in 49.3

7-173, 8-186, 9-186,

Moin Khan run out

Fall of Wickets: 1-35, 2-94.

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Team manager Intikhab Alam said Malik would miss Pakistan's last practice match against Sri Lanka in Sydncy on Monday, but expected him to be fit before the tournament got underway.

Pakistan's successes in an otherwise pathetic batting display were left-handed opener Aamer Sohail, with a strokeful 58, and skipper Imran Khan who was last out after making 43. Inzamam-ul-Haq was the

third highest scorer with 30 but none of the other batsmen made over 15-six of them failing to get into double figures. For South Africa, skipper

Kepler Wessels top-scored with a donr 72 while Peter Kirsten made 30 after Pakistan had elected to field first on a windily, overcast day.

SCOREBOARD

Full seoreboard of the one day cricket match between S outh Africa and Pakistan at the Manuka Oval here Saturday

SOUTH AFRICA: Hudson c sub (Mushtag)

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Kuiper e Schail b Jaffar	1
Cronje e Sikander b Imran	- 1
Rhodes not out McMillan not out	2

Dalmiya says our game has improved a lot Star special by Ashish Das

Jagmohan Dalmiya, the Executive President of Cricket Association Bengal and former Secretary of the Indian Cricket Control Board is now in the city in connection with the visit of the West Bengal Cricket team to Bangladesh.

Unusually polite and soft spoken, this supremo of Indian cricket told The Daily Star that from now on, there will be reciprocal exchange of visits between Bangladesh cricket team and that from West Bengal.

Dalmtya, who was the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the 1987 Reliance World Cup, observed that cricket has improved a lot in this country since his last visit here in 1983.

Dalmiya, it can be recalled, here played a stellar role in the readmission of South Africa in International cricket after 21 years of ostracization caused by the apartheid policy of that country.

Dalmiya, who represented India in the ICC meeting in London last July pleaded strongly for South Africa's cause. New Zealand, England and Australia were the other countries to press for the once powerful cricketing nation's return to fold. Pakistan and the West Indies, Dalmiya said were hesitant about this mainly on procedural grounds.

Dismissing the allegations that South Africa's visit to India prior to the Down Under tour harmed the prospects of the Indian side, Dalmiya said that it was exactly the other way round in reality because that was how India could have the measure of the side who many deem could prove to be the dark horses in the next World Cup.

He, however, declined to tip anyone as the favourites. Saying that there is no reason why India should not make it to the last four, Dalmiya said that one day matches being essentially a matter of everything falling in to place on any particular day, he will not be surprised if India wins the championship for the second time.

About India's dismal performance in Australia, Dalmiya said that bad luck coupled with the bounce of the wickets out there spelt India's doom.

About the aired non-cooperation by the senior players, Dalmiya said that Azhar's problem is that four ex-captains are playing under him and it is very difficult to assert one's control in such a situation. Unlike Pakistan's Imran Khan or, for that matter. Mike Brearly or Clive Lloyd, Azhar does not enjoy the father-figure tmage and by nature he is a very quiet and unauthoritative character. As a result these rumours gained ground after the disaster. But Dalmiya, hoped that India has too talented a batting line up to take it lying down

About the participation of non-local (non-Bangalees, precisely) players for Bengal in the Ranji, team Dalmiya, whose family has been living in Bengal for three generations, said that they do not invite players to strengthen the Bengal side. It is just that they come for occupational reasons and gradually start playing for the state team. But these migratory players are not allowed to play club cricket in Calcutta straightway because that way they will be obstructing the path of emergence of new players in the local league.

Dalmiya felt that Saurav Ganguly was not given enough scope to prove himself in Australia. About the alleged negligence to the players from the East Zone Dalmiya said that some injustice was done years back when talented players like Ambar Roy and Subrata Guha

could not make it to the India team but that prejudice has considerably lessened and the door is now open for players from all parts of India to prove their worth and a carve a niche in the national team.

Zimbabweans denied practice

TAURANGA. New Zealand. Feb 15: Zimbabwe's preparations for the World Cup. cricket tournament suffered a setback Saturday when the African nation's warm-up match against provincial team Northern Districts was rained out without a ball being bowled, reports AP.

Officials said the match would be rescheduled for Sunday

Zimbabwe was lost the only two warmup matches it has played so far. Two others have Volkov extends Courier

The nine-nation World Cup begins Feb 22.

BAF volleyball

CHITTAGONG, Feb 15: The annual inter-base volleyball champtonship of Bangladesh Air Force began here at BAF Base Zahurul Haque today, an ISPR press release said.

In the opening match, BAF Base Mattur Rahman defeated BAF Base Pahar Kanchonpur by 15-5, 15-6 and 15-5 sets

'It's much more difficult to Earlier, the four-day champlay somebody who is your pionship was inaugurated by friend and who knows your the local Air Base Commander game so well." Becker said. Group Captain Nezmul Haque 'I prefer to play somebody I'm not that close to. Choudhury

Rupali Bank sports

The second Dhaka Mahanagari annual sports competition. 1992 of Rupali Bank Ltd was held last Friday at the Mottheel Govt Boys High School playground under the aegis of the Rupali Bank Dhaka Mahanagari Krira-O-Sangskritik Sangshad, says a press release

Azizul Haq Chairman, Rupalt Bank Ltd. declared the meet open in the morning. AKSM Taifur Hussain. Managing Director, was also present.

Romanian coach resigns

BUCHAREST. Feb 15 Romania's national soccer team coach Mircea Radulescu resigned on Friday in protest against allegations of dishon esty by leading club officials reports Reuter. "I can understand criticism

that I made wrong selections. but I reject accusations of dishonesty", Radulescu said. Vastle lanul, president of

former European champtons Dinamo Bucharest, recently accused Radulescu of picking some players to help them win more caps and boost their transfer value abroad.

B'baria school meet

BRAHMANBARIA. Feb 15 The annual sports competition of Brahmanbarta High School was held at the school premises yesterday, reports

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter Government Printing Press

S&RC edged past Nawab Katra Juba Sangha 1-0 in the Group B affair of the round robin league of the Janata Bank Pioneer football competition at the Outer Stadium yesterday. Rustam netted the winner for Govt Press.

TODAY'S MATCHES

vs Lalbagh Tarun Sangha (2

Div II cricket Sports Reporter

tered their fifth consecutive win in the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league beating East End Club by a solitary wicket at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

scored 173 for eight wickets in their allotted 35 overs. Noman made 36 with the help of half a dozen fours while

Hassan and Artf got 23 each for Titu, the most successful

Gandaria bowler, took three wickets for 29 while Zakir with two wickets lent him good support.

Chasing the target, Gandaria made 174 for nine wickets in 33.2 overs.

Nadim went great guns with the willow getting 40 off 20 deliveries hitting four sixes and hammering a couple of boundaries.

Biplab and Sayed got 35 and 34 respectively for Gandaria. Tipu and Hassan claimed four and three wickets respec-

In the other match of the day. Dhanmondt Club recorded an impressive five-wicket victory over Western Cricket Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Dhanmondi now have six points from four encounters while Western Club have four.

Batting first, Western made reasonable 182 for nine wickets from their quota of 35 overs with Ruman scoring 42 and Shonchoy getting 34

while Babla and Mantu took two apiece for Dhanmondi. In reply, Dhanmondi made 188 for five wickets in 34.1

Shantosh scored 55 with (40-over match):

Botham c Greatbatch b Latham Robin Smith c lan Smith

> Gooch not out Lewis c Latham b Watson Pringle c Watson b Cairns



Injured Pakistani cricketers (L to R) Javed Miandad, Wshim Akram and Wagar Younis relax during the Pakistan vs South Africa one-day international at Canberra's Manuka Oval on Feb 15. Pakistan lost the match by 17 runs.

Extras:(2lb, 4w)

Watson

Harris

Latham

Su'a

Total: (For seven wkts)

220, 5-228, 6-231, 7-248,

NEW ZEALAND: innings:

Latham c Reeve b Lewis

Crowe c Stewart b Pringle

(Ramprakash) b Botham

Wright c Hick b Reeve

Greatbatch b Pringle

Rutherford c sub

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England tune up for Cup Reeve not out

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CHRISTCHURCH. New Zealand, Feb 15: England revived up for this month's cricket World Cup with a crushing 71 run victory over New Zealand on Saturday. in a

reports Reuter. The win completed a threenil in the one-day games. England also took the Test series two-nil to achieve a rare

rain-shortened 40-over match,

unbeaten run on a major tour. We were blown off the park." New Zealand captain Martin Crowe admitted at a

news conference.

England virtually won the game with their opening partnership. Experimental openers Ian Botham and Graeme Hick smashed 60 in 10 overs to set the side up for a massive total of 255 for seven wickets.

New Zealand, chasing a near-impossible 6.4 runs on over, were never really in the hunt after losing Rod Latham in the first over and managed only 184 for eight.

Chris Lewis, relishing the fast and bouncy pitch, bowled a hostile opening spell. After removing Latham, he felled John Wright with an illegal short-pitched ball Which hit the left-hander on the temple and forced him to retire hurt, angering the large crowd.

Derek Pringle then removed Mark Greatbatch and Martin Crowe cheaply to have New Zealand effectively four for 23. The game was all over. with New Zealand batting only to save face.

Wright bravely came back to score a bright 36 including one knocked six off Gladstone Small.

The match was shortened by 10 overs because of rain Crowe won the toss-but nothing went right for him from then on.

lan Smith dropped Hick in the first over and Botham proceeded to smash the bowling all over the ground in a vintage display.

Playing his 101st one-day match he scored his highest score of 79, by seven runs. hitting two sixes and 11 fours off just 73 balls in a typically belligerent and innovative in-

Botham hit shots of enormous power, some of them from baseball or golf rather than a cricket textbook.

The unfortunate Willie Watson was smashed for 39 off his first five overs including one six to long-on.

Hick went to a fine Greatbatch catch on 18. With England's total on 125 Botham placed a catch to Greatbatch at deep-long off Rod Latham. But New Zealand's misery

was far from over. Robin Smith, who had added 65 with Botham in 12 overs took over the attack. Playing in more orthodox style to defensive fields. Smith bought up his 50 in just three balls more than Botham.

Alec Stewart, captain for the day, lasted only briefly but Smith and Allan Lamb put on 50 in 16 minutes off just 27 Lamb injured during his

quickfire 25, jeopardising his place in England's World Cup

The fifth over from Su'a cost 14 and in the next over Smith clubbed three off-driven boundaries from Latham.

Smith was finally caught by his wicketkeeping namesake. off Chris Cairns for 85. He hi 13 fours in his 71-ball innings. England included replacement bowler Small instead of spinner Philip Tufnell.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third and final one-day cricket match between England and New Zcaland played here Saturday ENGLAND: innings:

Hick c Greatbatch b Larsen 18

b Cairns Stewart c Crowe b Su'a Lamb c Harris b Watson

Illingworth I Smith c sub (DeFreitas) b Small Fall: 1-60, 2-125, 3-166, 4-Su'a not out Larsen not out Extras: (6w. 3nb, 6lb) Total: (for eight wkts) Fall: 1-4. 2-20, 3-23, 4-92. 5-100, 6-112, 7-148, 8-171. Bowling: Lewis Pringle Small Reeve Botham Illingworth match: lan Man-of-the Botham Result: England won by 71 England won the series 3-0.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP 8-15

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VNGLGVPOL. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE VERY AMBITIOUS DELIVERY BOY SOON MADE A BUNDLE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals M

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.

Courier fatleds to cash in on Cornors outlasts Krickstein youthful American foe, even af-"Every match I play I know I MEMPHIS, Tenn-



essee. Feb 15 : The Jimmy Conners story continued on Friday when the 39-year old veteran outlasted 10th seeded Aaron Krickstein 3-6. 6-2, 6-3 in the quarter-finals of the 780,000-dollar Federal Expréss international tournament, reports Reuter.

The 16th-seeded Connors notched his seventh consecutive victory over the 24-yearold Krickstein. "Obviously, when you've

never beaten somebody, they have a psychological edge. admitted Krickstein. 'He's always been tough for me. He keeps the ball pretty low."

American Malivai Washing-

ton, the 14th seed, challenges Connors in the semifinals. Washington, 22, beat Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands 6-3, 7-5. The other semifinals pairs two upset winners Israeli

Amos Mansdorf and seventh seeded Wayne Ferreira of South Africa. Ferreira, an Australian Open semifinalist last month, sur-

prised second-seeded Pete Sampras 6-4, 6-2, The unseeded Mansdorf upset 13th seeded Paul Haarhuts 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 earlier in the

"It's (the Australian Open) done a lot," said Ferreira,

of the first set and had to come from 5-1 down in the tie-break - with two set points to Volkov at 6-4 - before squeezing through 8-6. The 21-year-old second

a set point in the ninth game

seed had an equally hazardous time in the second set. There was quite a bit of

sense of panic out there. I'm

relieved to get out (of) there altve." Courter said Volkov, a baseline player who ousted crown favourite Andre Agassi in the second round, squandered a break and set point in a thrilling 10th

went to deure five times. In the tic-break, Courier

game of the second set which

converted his first match point

ean win. It's a big step from

last year when I'd go out and hope to win." Ferreira's serves and forc hand volleys overpowered the 1990 US Open champion.



JIMMY CONNORS

this was a pretty good beating." said Sampras, who says he's still hindered by a shoulder injury which kept him from playing the Australian Open "Wayne contained me in the back court. I was working much harder on my service games than he was.

Connors, ranked 46th in the world, never eased up in keeping the pressure on his

ter losing the opening set. 'His game and attitude went down after the first set," said Connors. "When you're up one set to love. It should be the other way around. If you're down a break, you should be

riding the high. Connors dogged Krickstein to get an early break in the first game of the second set and never relented in his attack. Connors served extremely well and cracked groundstrokes deep into the corners throughout the final

Novotna faces

Graf in semis CHICAGO, Feb 15 : Lori McNcil outduelled Zina Garrison with an accurate serve and outstanding net play Friday, winning 6-1, 6-3 in the quarterfinals of the Virginia

ims of Chicago, reports AP.

McNeil, the sixth seed. meets second-seeded Martina Navratilova in a Saturday afternoon semifinal. Navratilova has won all nine meetings between the two Friday, third-seeded

first set tiebreaker and went on to beat seventh-seeded Amy Frazier 7-6 (7-5), 6-1. Novotna, ranked 10th in the world, faces top-seeded Steffi Graf in Saturday's other

semifinal.

Jana Novotna rallied to win a

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also from four engagements.

Ekku bagged three wickets

the help of as many as eight boundaries, while Atia and Ekku remained not out with 44 and 34 respectively. Mostafa, the most successful Western bowler, took two

Meanwhile, there is ho Rank-Xerox fixture for today. Tomorrow, Rainbow AC will take on Young Pegasus B while Lalbagh Anwar SC will clash with Wari KC at the Mohakhali T&T ground.

wickets for 31 runs.