

Lara rubs salt in SA wound

PORT OF SPAIN, Apr 12: West Indies thrashed South Africa by 10 wickets on Saturday to take an unbeatable 2-0 lead in their beat-of-three one-day international series, reports Reuter.

Chasing a paltry target of 153, West Indies knocked off the runs with 24.1 overs to spare to register their second huge win in the space of five days.

South Africa, looking a pale imitation of the side who reached the World Cup semifinals last month, were dismissed for 152 in 43.4 overs on a blameless pitch.

West Indies openers Desmond Haynes and Brian Lara then set about the visiting attack with relish, sending 20,000 Trinidadian spectators into raptures.

Lara cracked an unbeaten 86 and Haynes was 59 not out when the assault on South Africa's struggling attack was called off.

Unless they can improve dramatically before next weekend, South Africa face considerable embarrassment in Barbados when they make their return to Test cricket after an absence of 22 years.

The tourists' limitations with both bat and ball were again alarmingly exposed after they lost the toss.

Only Jonty Rhodes with 45 vaguely threatened to put the West Indies on the defensive and extras, which numbered 27, provided the second highest total in the innings.

There were three run outs and several other batsmen fell to poor shots, beginning with captain Kepler Wessels in the third over.

Curtly Ambrose whose first over had lasted 10 balls and

cost 13 runs bowled another short, wide delivery which Wessels obligingly edged to wicketkeeper David Williams.

Andrew Hudson was spectacularly run out by Phil Simmons who hit the stumps direct from backward point but Peter Kirsten had few excuses when he carved a simple catch to deep third man off Anderson Cummins.

hit for 26 runs in his first three overs.

Lara, in particular, was in supreme form as he registered his second successive 50 against the South Africans to add to his four half centuries in eight World Cup matches.

He and Haynes both hit spinner Omar Henry for six in the same over and continued the assault on Donald when the

reestablish our dominance in one-day cricket.

"We put pressure on them all the way. I want to make sure we keep it that way."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the one-day cricket international between West Indies and South Africa on Saturday:

SOUTH AFRICA

Wessels c Williams b Ambrose 1

Hudson run out 6

Kirsten c Benjamin b Cummins 9

Kulper c Lara b Harper 19

Cronje run out 22

Rhodes run out 45

Richardson c Arthurton b Cummins 6

Snell c Arthurton b Cummins 8

Henry not out 8

Pringle b Ambrose 1

Donald b Ambrose 0

Extras: (lb-10, w-15, nb-2) 27

Total: (All out-43.4 overs) 152

Fall: 1-17; 2-24; 3-36; 4-67; 5-98; 6-118; 7-138; 8-146; 9-152.

Bowling: O M R W

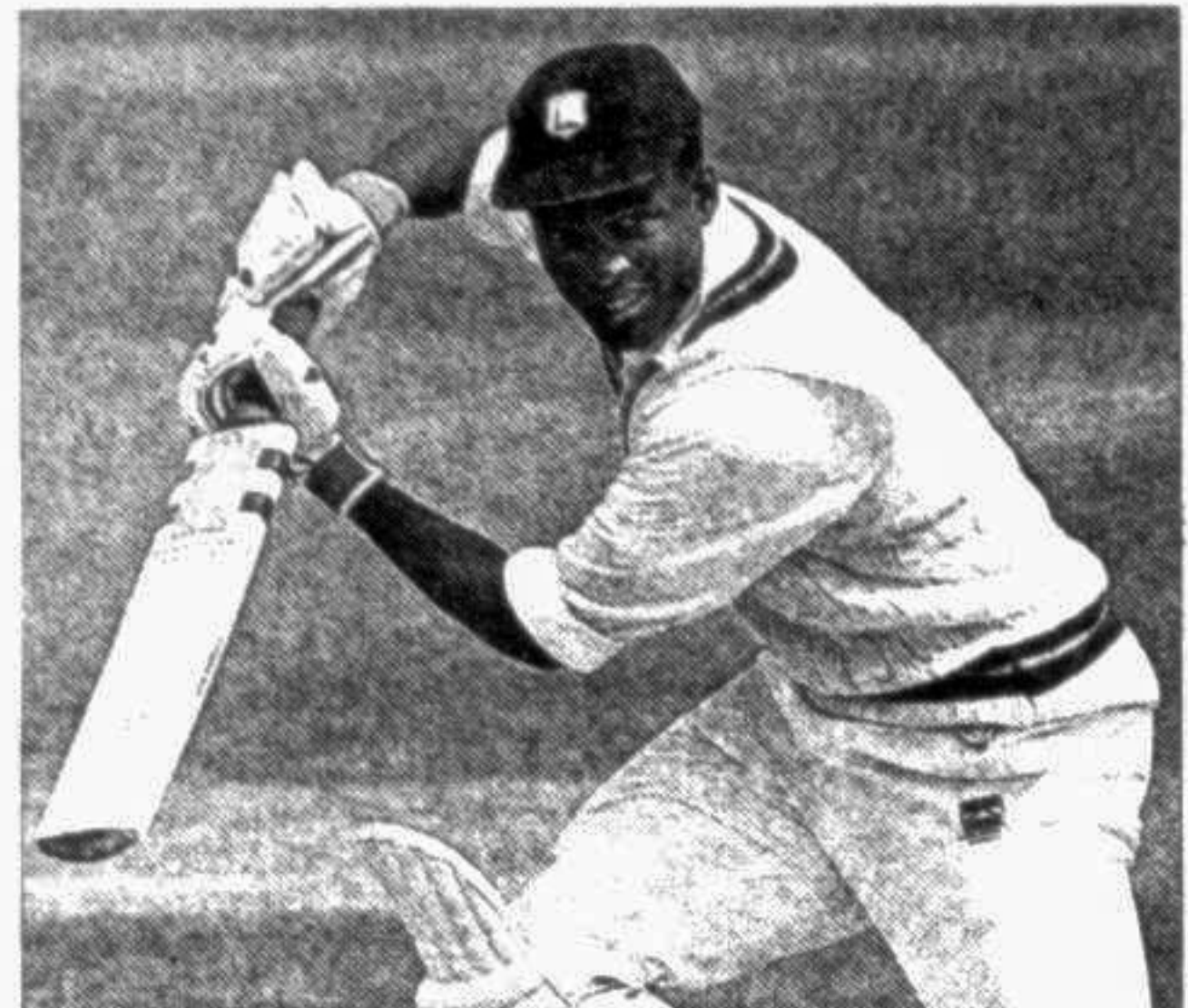
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BRIAN LARA.....man-of-the-match

Hansie Cronje was run out attempting a crazy run by Richie Richardson at mid wicket and Adrian Kulper toiled 24 overs for his 19.

Rhodes struck a couple of useful boundaries but the last four wickets fell for the addition of only 14 runs.

Ambrose took the last two wickets in the space of three deliveries to finish with three for 24 from 7.4 overs, a good recovery after his wayward start.

A total of 152 never looked enough to worry West Indies. Especially when South African strike bowler Alan Donald was

fair-haired paceman returned. Man-of-the-match Lara finished off South Africa with 18 runs off the first five balls of a Henry over.

He faced 91 balls in all hitting two sixes and 13 fours. The third and final match is also at Queen's Park today.

A subdued Wessels said, "I can't really see any excuses. They batted and bowled a lot better than us."

He said his side's loss of form since the World Cup was inexplicable.

West Indies captain Richardson said, "We want to complete a clean sweep to

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Lara not out 86

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Total: (No wicket-25.5 overs) 154

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Pakistan cricket team captain Imran Khan (L) receives papers allotting him a 600 square yard residential plot of land from Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in Islamabad on April 11. Imran and all other members of the World Cup winning team received a plot of land and a cash prize of 8,000 dollars from the government. — AFP photo

No, thank you, Imran tells Sharif

ISLAMABAD, Apr 12: Imran Khan, captain of Pakistan's World Cup winning cricket team, declined on Saturday an invitation from Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to enter politics, reports AFP.

Sharif told reporters at a reception for the Pakistani squad that he had made an offer "long ago" to the star skipper to try his hand in the political arena.

"My offer is still valid," he said, adding: "I think he is a wise man" to refuse.

For his part, Imran saw "no connection" between cricket and politics.

"I have never understood why people ask this question," he said, adding that he had never shown an interest in politics.

Asked if he would be available to play for Pakistan in its upcoming tour of England, Imran — who is recovering from a shoulder injury which he suffered in Australia — said he would go if he was fit again.

Imran may not tour England

ISLAMABAD, Apr 12: Pakistan's inspirational cricket captain Imran Khan said on Saturday he could miss the forthcoming England tour because of a shoulder injury suffered during his team's successful World Cup campaign, reports Reuter.

He said he would not tour if he had to undergo an operation and top batsman Javed Miandad may lead the team.

Imran said he would wait for another week to see if the injury was healing and then make a decision.

"I have done a serious amount of damage to my shoulder," he said at a party hosted by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to honour the national team.

"My biggest worry is — of which doctors warned me when I was playing in Australia — that I might have damaged the cartilage in between the shoulder and the collarbone joint.

If it's the case and it needs an operation then I am not going to go to England."

Imran, 39, said he was not very optimistic at the moment "because the injury has not improved at all since I played the World Cup final."

He ruled out the idea of accompanying the team as a batsman only. I will go as an all-rounder. But if I am not fit, it affects me batting, bowling, fielding."

But he made it clear he was not worried about the performance of what he called an extremely talented Pakistani team without him during the May-August tour.

"There is a corps of senior players. Javed is a capable captain. I think they will do very well there," he said.

Pakistan's top fast bowler Waqar Younis, who was dropped from the World Cup squad because of a stress fracture in his back, is due to go to London for a medical check to determine his fitness for the tour.

Imran said he felt that Waqar would recover in time.

Pak PM promises better facilities

ISLAMABAD, Apr 12: Pakistan will soon have facilities for nighttime as well as daytime cricket Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said Saturday as he hosted a reception for the country's World Cup winning team.

Nearly five million dollars has been allocated to equip Karachi and Lahore with modern flood-lit cricket facilities, he said, adding that he had directed the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan to urgently execute the plan.

Praising skipper Imran Khan and his World Cup teammates Sharif announced cash prizes of 200,000 rupees (8,000 dollar) to each member of the side and land in Islamabad for them to build homes.

"For more than a month, people heard the song, 'Who will rule the world?' Finally they got the answer on March 25 that Pakistan will rule the cricket world for four years," the cricket playing premier said.

Pakistan won the Cup by defeating England at Melbourne by 22 runs.

Sharif's government has already donated land for a cancer hospital that Khan wants to build in memory of his late mother.

Discussion on Shahjahan

Sports Reporter

A discussion meeting in the memory of the renowned sportsman Mohammad Shahjahan, who died in the city last week, will be held on April 22 at 4.30 pm at the National Sports Council conference room.

Foreman lucky to beat Stewart

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Apr 12: George Foreman kept his hopes alive — but just barely — of fighting for a world heavyweight championship once more by winning a 10-round decision over Alex Stewart on Saturday night, reports Reuter.

The difference in the close and hard-fought bout came in the second round when 43-year-old Foreman knocked Stewart down twice.

Stewart, 27, a five-to-one underdog, finished strongly, hammering the head of a slow and tiring Foreman with left jabs and combination rights.

By the end, both of Foreman's eyes were nearly closed, a cut appeared under his left eye and blood flowed freely from his nose and mouth. He breathed through his mouth in the last round and the right side of his jaw was visibly swollen.

For the first three rounds it appeared as if Foreman would win easily. He almost did in

the second, when a right to the ear in the first half-minute of the round and a looping right to the head with 80 seconds remaining dropped Stewart twice.

"I thought I had him in the third round," Foreman said after the fight. "I made a mis-



GEORGE FOREMAN

take by letting up." But beginning in the fourth round, Stewart, who had never

gone the distance or past eight rounds in 31 fights, started landing stiff left jabs and jarring rights.

Foreman's eyes began closing. In the ninth blood started gushing from his nose. It was a lunging, exhausted Foreman who survived the 10th and held on for the close decision.

Stewart, born in Great Britain and now a resident of Florida, had a cut on his right eyelid and was bleeding from his lip.

Foreman won by one point on two of the three judges' scorecards, 94-93, the third judge called it even, 94-94. Foreman had one point deducted in the 10th by referee Richard Steele for a low blow.

Foreman led by two, three and four points on the judges' cards after five rounds of the bout.

"I should have let it all out," said Stewart. "I had something left at the end. I thought it could have been a draw."

After the bout, Foreman repeated his intention to fight

for the world heavyweight championship in November if Larry Holmes beats current champ Evander Holyfield when they meet June 19.

"If not, I'm going to Disneyworld," Foreman said after the fight. Prior to the bout, he said if he did not get a title shot this would be his last year in professional boxing.

Foreman, who held the world heavyweight championship during parts of 1973 and 1974, is now 26-1 with 25 knockouts during his comeback, which started in 1987 after a 10-year layoff. Foreman, who weighed 259 pounds, has an overall record of 71-3 with 66 knockouts.

Stewart, who was born the year Foreman began his amateur career, now has record of 28-4, with 28 knockouts.

Foreman received 5 million dollars for the fight, his most bruising effort during his 4-1/2-year comeback. The 227-pound Stewart, who now has lost three of his past five bouts, received 250,000 dollars.

Toney retains IBF crown

LAS VEGAS, Apr 12: James Toney successfully defended his International Boxing Federation middleweight title for the fifth time with a lack-lustre but unanimous 12-round decision over Glenn Wolfe, reports AP.

Toney easily won Saturday night against the outclassed but game Wolfe despite an uninspired performance that was booed by the crowd at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas campus arena.

It was the fifth defence of the 160-pound (27 kilogram) title by Toney in less than a year since winning it with a knockout last May of Michael Nunn.

Toney used his hand speed and superior boxing skills to dominate against Wolfe, despite hurting his right hand during a fourth-round flurry in which he seemed to hurt the challenger.

Toney still used the hand, but was in obvious pain as his gloves were removed after the fight.

"I had to depend on my boxing ability to keep him out of range," Toney said. "He had a hard head."

Judge Glen Hamada had Toney winning 119-109, while Doug Tucker had it 118-110 and Chuck Gimpas scored the bout 117-111. The Associated Press had Toney winning 118-110.

The punch stats reflected Toney's dominance, with the champion scoring with 468 punches, or 53 per cent of those he threw, to 169 punches for Wolfe. Wolfe landed only 18 per cent of his punches.

"I'm not going to hold my head down," said Wolfe, who fell to 27-3-1.

The sixth-ranked Wolfe established the pattern for the fight in the first round when he bored, head down, toward Toney.

Courier celebrates with title

TOKYO, Apr 12: American Jim Courier celebrated his newly regained world No 1 ranking Sunday by beating Richard Krajceck of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) for the men's singles title of the Japan Open tennis championship, reports AP.

Some key serve returns made the difference as Courier won in 2 hours, 43 minutes on the hard court of Ariake Coliseum.

Australian Open champion Courier's second victory of the season was worth \$144,000. Krajceck received \$75,905.

Courier regained the No 1 ranking, which he had held briefly in February, when Stefan Edberg of Sweden lost to Krajceck in Saturday's semifinals, falling to No 2.

Krajceck, who served 12 aces against Edberg, blasted 10 on Sunday, to three for Courier. But Courier led slightly on first service percentage — 63 to 57.

Richard can be a very up and down player. Today he wasn't up and down, he was very good. Only a few key points made the difference," said the 21-year-old Courier.

"I just basically went for my shots on every point of the match and didn't play really any different on the big points," he said when asked why he let some break points slip away.

He made no mistake, however, leading 15-40 in the ninth game of the first set. He scored the set's key break with a pinpoint serve return.

He scored the second set's deciding break on a double fault by Krajceck in the seventh game, after almost losing his own serve in the fourth game. He fought back from 0-40 and through two deuces to win the one.

Courier scored his third break in the third set's third game, after five deuces, but

Krajceck scored his only break of the day in the sixth game, winning at love.

From a 4-3 lead in the tiebreak, Courier scored three points in a row — two on serve



JIM COURIER

returns.

En route to the final, Courier beat Kevin Curren of the United States 6-1, 6-1, Italian Gianluca Pozzi 6-3, 6-3, Amos Mansdorf of Israel 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, and Michael Chang of the United States 6-2, 6-3.

Krajceck defeated Arne Thoms of Germany 6-3, 7-6 (7-5); American Jim Grabb 6-4, 6-3; Michael Stich of Germany 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; and Edberg 6-3, 7-5.

Japan's Kimiko Date took the women's singles title Saturday, beating Sabine Appelmans of Belgium 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

American Amy Frazier and Japan's Rika Hiraki defeated the top-seeded pair of Date and Stephanie Rehe of the United States 5-7, 7-6 (7-5) 6-0 for the women's doubles title.

For the men's double title, third-seeded Americans Keely Jones and Rick Leach beat top seeds John Fitzgerald of Australia and Anders Jarryd of Sweden 0-6, 7-5, 6-3.

The dirls 1.19 million tournament was sponsored by Suntory, a leading Japanese beverage maker.

Karpov beats Nigel Short

LINARES, Spain, Apr 12: Russian Anatoly Karpov, playing white, defeated Britain's Nigel Short in 43 moves Saturday to win the first round of the Candidates Tournament chess semifinal, reports AP.

Germany's Artur Yusupov, playing white, overcame the Netherlands Jan Timman in 34 moves in the other semifinal match of the tournament that will ultimately determine who will compete to play the reigning world champion, Russian Gari Kasparov, for his title.

Karpov, a former world champion, was considered the favourite going into the tournament, although Timman finished ahead of him in the 10th International Linares Chess Tournament last month.

Kasparov won the Linares tournament, followed by Ukrainian Vassily Ivanchuk, Timman, then Karpov. Yusupov finished 10th and Short 14th.

The semifinals include 10 scheduled rounds, plus two sudden death matches if necessary, and are expected to run through April 29.

The semifinal winners will meet in January and compete for the right to challenge Kasparov in Los Angeles in October, tournament officials said.

Abedi Pele yearns for Italy

PARIS, Apr 12: Abedi Pele, Africa's footballer-of-the-year, is set to become the latest key player to leave Olympique Marseille — as he bids to become the first black African star to sparkle in Italy, reports AFP.

Pele said his dream is to join France's top goalscorer Jean-Pierre Papin in heading for a Calcio Club next season, as England striker Chris Waddle sets his sights on Monaco.

The Ghanaian ace told l'Equipe newspaper on Saturday that he is looking for a change after an incredible season.

"Many things have given me pleasure in 1991-92. I won the BBC Trophy for the best player of the year, I was voted best player of the African Nations Cup. I was invited to the World Cup draw with Pele — the Brazilian all time great.



ABEDI PELE

Along with winning France

As for Italy, "It's my dream, and it's a question of pride. I want to become the first black player, the first African player, who knocks on the door and who enables it to open for other Africans."

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football magazine's Golden Ball, as Africa's footballer-of-the-year, "It was an extraordinary year. The sort that you will never have again."

"It's not finished, but I have reached my peak."

"I don't want to be like those players who have one or two good seasons and are then booted out after the third. I want to go while I'm still good."

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