

Angry Ambrose amercers Aussies



SYDNEY, Jan 16: A fierce spell of fast bowling from an angry Curtley Ambrose propelled the West Indies to victory over Australia in the first one-day cricket final of the World Series Cup here today, reports AFP.

After batting first and compiling 239 for eight off their 50 overs, the Ambrose-led West Indian attack restricted Australia to 214 to give the tourists a polished 25-run win before a sellout crowd of almost 38,000.

The victory gave the West Indies a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three game final series, with the second match to be played in Melbourne Monday.

Ambrose, incensed after being forced to remove a wrist band following a complaint from batsman Dean Jones, produced one of the finest displays of fast bowling seen in one-day cricket to finish with 5-32 off 9.3 hostile overs.

The 29-year-old Antiguan soon had the Australian batsmen backpedalling as they set about chasing the victory target of 4.8 runs per over.

He removed both openers in a fiery 15-ball burst which did not cost a run, taking the prize scalp of in-form David Boon for 16 to break a threatening 41-run opening stand in the 16th over.

Then followed Jones' successful appeal to the umpires for Ambrose to remove the white wrist band, which Jones argued made it difficult for batsmen to see the white cricket ball used in the day night matches.

But the move only served to agitate Ambrose, who responded with genuine pace not usually seen in limited over matches.

He was rewarded with Taylor's wicket for 28, after the left-hander tried to turn a ball to leg but ballooned a leading edge to Phil Simmons at point.

Ambrose had two wickets for just six runs off six overs at that stage, and was unlucky not to claim new batsman Jones

the following over, with wicket-keeper Junior Murray spilling a hot chance.

Earlier a sparkling batting display from opener Brian Lara laid the groundwork for a formidable West Indian score after he smashed a quickfire 67 off 82 balls, including seven boundaries.



C AMBROSE ... 5 for 32

After captain Richie Richardson won the toss and elected to bat in extremely hot conditions, Lara and fellow opener Desmond Haynes took to the Australian pace attack to carve 90 runs off the first 20 overs on a perfect batting wicket.

But the introduction of spin brought about the downfall of both openers.

Off spinner Greg Matthews claimed Haynes for 38 while Lara fell victim to the leftarm spin of Australian captain Allan Border.

An aggressive charge down the wicket from Lara resulted in the ball spooning to all-rounder Tony Dodemaide at deep gully, ending yet another quality innings from the 23-year-old rising star.

The middle order carried on with the run-chase, with Carl Hooper blazing 45 and



BRIAN LARA ... 67

vice-captain Gus Logie celebrating a belated return to form with 38 off just 35 balls.

Both batsmen's stumps eventually were shattered by the medium pace of Steve Waugh.

Logie was a surprise inclusion in the side, in preference to both Keith Arthurton and Jimmy Adams, with the tourists also opting for a four-pronged pace bowling attack.

Australian bowling honours were shared by Matthews and Waugh, each taking 2-45 while Border finished with 2-46, all

from 10 overs.

Australia's only real push for victory came through a 56-run middle-order partnership between Border and Mark Waugh, before the Australian captain was dismissed for 27 after he skied off-spinner Carl Hooper to Ambrose at long-on.

The cause became hopeless when Mark Waugh was run out soon after for a fine 51 — the fourth time the elegant right-hander has been run out in his last five innings.

Nine of the Australian batsmen reached double figures but only Mark Waugh scored more than 40.

Wicket-keeper Ian Healy led a launched a courageous rearguard fight.

But the return of Ambrose — again wearing the sweat band — to bowl his final three overs snuffed out any remaining Australian victory hopes.

Ambrose fittingly snared Healy (33), Dodemaide (3) and Craig McDermott for a first ball duck to seal an impressive Windies victory.

Not surprisingly, none of the remaining Australian batsmen risked further upsetting Ambrose by protesting against the wrist band.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first World Series Cup day-night final between Australia and West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground today:

WEST INDIES:

B Lara c Dodemaide b Border	67
D Haynes c and b Matthews	38
P Simmons c M Waugh b Matthews	5
R Richardson c Dodemaide b Border	28
C Hooper b S Waugh	45
G Logie b S Waugh	38
K Benjamin run out	0
I Bishop b McDermott	1
C Ambrose not out	5
Extras: (b-2, lb-8, nb-2)	12
Total: (for 8 wickets, 50 overs)	239

Did not bat: J Murray, A Cummins.

Fall of wickets: 1-90; 2-96; 3-128; 4-159; 5-216; 6-217; 7-220; 8-239.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
McDermott	8	0	40	1
Dodemaide	7	0	23	0
Reiffel	5	1	30	0
Matthews	10	0	45	2
Border	10	0	46	2
S Waugh	10	0	45	2

AUSTRALIA:

M Taylor c Simmons	28
B Ambrose	16
D Boon c Murray b Ambrose	16
D Jones c Simmons	13
B Benjamin	15
S Waugh c and b Hooper	51
M Waugh run out	27
A Border c Ambrose	33
I Hooper	3
I Healy b Ambrose	3
G Matthews c Lara	11
B Benjamin	12
T Dodemaide c Lara	0
B Ambrose	0
P Reiffel not out	0
C McDermott c Simmons	0
Extras: (lb-3, nb-1, w-1)	5
Total: (49.3 overs)	214

Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-48; 3-69; 4-91; 5-137; 6-160; 7-179; 8-187; 9-214.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Bishop	10	0	45	0
Simmons	2	0	14	0
Ambrose	9.3	2	32	5
Benjamin	10	0	35	2
Cummins	8	0	39	0
Hooper	10	0	46	2

Result: West Indies won by 25 runs.

Capriati upstages Sabatini enroute to final

Sampras too strong for Muster



SYDNEY, Jan 16: Pete Sampras, desperate to show that his sole Grand Slam win in 1990 was no

fluke, served a warning to the two tennis top guns today with a straight sets win over Thomas Muster in the New South Wales Open final, reports Reuter.

The world number three, who has been in superb touch all week, beat the Austrian 7-6, 6-1, playing almost flawless tennis in the second set to win the curtainraiser to next week's Australian Open, the year's first Grand Slam event.

Muster, the seventh seed, had a sniff of a chance against the young American in an enthralling first set in the US \$35,000 dollar tournament when he had a set point in the tie-break at 7-6.

But the cool Sampras saved the point and finally took the set at 9-7 with a scaring forehand drive down the line.

The super-fit Muster ran, chased and scrambled for every ball in the second set despite the scorching heat but Sampras, with his serve working brilliantly, dominated the net and put away a series of winners.

The top seed raced to a 5-0 lead and appropriately wrapped up the match with a clinical volley at the net after a weak return of service by Muster.

Sampras, who won five tournaments last year but has failed to win a Grand Slam event since the United States Open, now has his sights on the world's top two, Jim Courier and Stefan Edberg.

"I am going into the Open pretty confident and we will see what happens," he told reporters. "I think I am playing better and better."

But Sampras was typically modest about his form in the match. "I don't think I played great tennis this week but I played sharp tennis and just happened to win the tournament," he said.

The 21-year-old admitted that it was no easy draw in Melbourne with a tough opening match against the German Carl-Uwe Steeb, who is ranked 31st in the world.

"The hot conditions and a long match would probably favour Steeb," Sampras said.

He would then probably face Muster again in the third round and would have to get past the inform fifth-ranked Goran Ivanisevic on the way to a semi-final clash against Edberg.

CAPRIATI SHOCKS SABATINI

Earlier, American Jennifer Capriati set up a teenage women's with a shock straight sets defeat of defending champion Gabriela Sabatini.

The fourth-seeded Capriati, 16, will play 18-year-old Anke Huber on Sunday after the German had little trouble in defeating unseeded American Amy Frazier 6-4, 6-3.

The talented Capriati, who can be frustratingly inconsistent, crushed Sabatini 6-4, 6-2 in 90 minutes, playing sizzling tennis in the second set after both women had struggled in a muddling first set which produced five breaks of serve.

Sabatini's service let her down badly. She sent down seven double faults, lost three service games in each set and won only 50 per cent of her first serves.

The hard-hitting Capriati, and felt that Capriati had simply outplayed her. "I thought she played a very good match," Sabatini said.

"I think she has got a lot more mature and I think this is what she needed in her

Australian Open, said the defeat had not affected her preparation for the Melbourne tournament.

"I think I have had a good week... I am ready for the Grand Slam (in Melbourne),"



Jennifer Capriati of the United States returns the ball to compatriot Pam Shriver in the quarter-final of the New South Wales Open in Sydney on Jan 15. Fourth seed Capriati demolished Shriver 6-0, 6-1.

who has gained confidence during the tournament, pounced on a series of short serves, dominating rallies as the Argentinian chased to retrieve.

Capriati, who broke Sabatini's serve at the start of both sets, said she ranked the win as among the best in her career and said it should put her in the right mood for next week's Australian Open, the year's first Grand Slam event.

"I just tried to play my game and not let her move me or let her play her game, coming into the net and volleying," seventh-ranked Capriati told reporters.

Capriati used the net to unsettle her opponent, particularly on Sabatini's service.

Sabatini said she was not that unhappy about her service

game," the world number three told reporters.

Sabatini, who said earlier this week that she thought



PETE SAMPRAS number one Monica Seles' could be beaten at the

she said. Huber, who on Friday beat world number four Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the quarter-finals, proved too strong for Frazier in the first semi-final.

The fifth-seeded Huber, who like Capriati has till to play to her full potential, was happy that she had found consistency and rhythm so quickly at the beginning of the season after a lengthy layoff.

"It's a good start for the year, if it keeps on going like this, it will be okay," Huber told reporters after the match.

It will be the 11th-ranked Huber's first final since winning Filderstadt in October 1991 and the big-hitting player put her improvement down to greater physical strength.

Arbie continues giant-killing



TOKYO, Jan 16: Herianto Arbie continued his giant-killing run today defeating Ardy Wiranata to

secure a finals berth against fellow Indonesian Joko Supriatno in the 110,000-dollar Japan Open badminton championships, reports AFP.

The 20-year-old Indonesian, who eliminated world champion Zhao Jianhua of China and countryman Hirmawan Susanto on Friday, dealt yet another stunning blow with a 15-7, 15-8 victory against Wiranata.

Suprianto, meanwhile, prevailed over European champion Poul-Erik Loyer-Larsen of Denmark 10-15, 17-14, 15-12.

Arbie's aggressive jumping smashes were the basis of his victory over the two-time defending champion.

Fresh from his first international victory at the Taipei Open a week ago, the Atlanta Olympics hopeful repeatedly

caught Wiranata out of balance with his unstoppable smashes, getting ahead 11-0 in the beginning.

Wiranata, finding his famous strict defence no weapon against Arbie, tightened himself and fought back bravely to save four game points, but his smash on a high serve landed in the net to lose the first game.

The service changed hands many times as the two Indonesians fought point for point, but neither could take more than two points lead until the score went to eight-all in the second game.

It was again Arbie's jumping smashes, which destroyed Wiranata's defence to pile up a point after point in devastating form, and he finished off the 54-minute bombardment with another successful round-the-head down the line.

When I lost to him in the previous two matches, my smash didn't work well because he covered the court

very well. So I practised to improve it to beat him," Arbie said afterwards.

"I had planned to hit as many smashes as possible from the start. I never felt I was losing after I took a wide lead in the beginning."

"I also lost all the previous matches to Joko, but I feel I'm in my top form now. I'll try to do my best to win the final tomorrow," added the 1991 national champion.

"Herianto is young, mentally strong, and fast with good technique. His smash is especially good. I only try to play my best game," said Suprianto, who has had two wins over Arbie in major tournaments.

In the women's singles semifinals, second-seeded Bang, the silver medalist at Barcelona, battled full sets before beating China's Huang Hua 11-3, 2-11, 11-5.

Ye beat South Korea's Lee Heung-soon 12-10, 11-8 in other women's semifinals.

Miandad upbeat on Pak prospect



KARACHI, Jan 16: Javed Miandad, skipper of the Pakistani cricket squad that was eliminated from the World Series Cup triangular tournament in Australia and one dayers in New Zealand, was upbeat on the team's prospects, reports AFP.

A grim-looking and tried Miandad made no statement on arrival here early Saturday amid strong criticism of the consistent failure of frontline batsmen.

A meeting of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) and its selection committee is to be held with three days to review the team's performance and formulate a strategy with the squad for the South African and West Indian tour.

Before returning home Miandad said "We have performed poorly because we batted badly, but I can promise that same boys will be able to make a comeback soon because they are all immensely talented."



JAVED MIANDAD

said, adding "A lot of hard work has no to be put in to bring back the confidence that every one of us very urgently needs."

Pakistan is scheduled to play in a triangular one-dayer series in South Africa in February and tour West Indies

in March and April to play five one-dayers and three Tests.

Cricket board officials are also considering participation in Sharjah triangular before the South African fixture, but that is yet to be finalised.

Cricket circles here are blaming officials of the BCCP for "taking the players with too much cricket since the World Cup which has resulted in disastrous performance in Australia and New Zealand."

"Our boys have hardly had any respite since they lifted the World Cup," said former manager and selector Haseeb Ahsan, adding that "in fact Pakistan should not have toured Australia and New Zealand after England. Kiwis would have been too willing to come to Pakistan instead."

Agreeing to play in Sharjah before South Africa would be suicidal, said an expert who insisted that "Pakistan should have asked South Africa to arrange one or two Test matches."

Miandad also demanded appointment of a full time coach for the team to keep the talented boys in form.

A nightmare cricket'd love to forget



ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 16: Bodyline. It's a word that still irks a generation of Aussies, writes Reuter.

It also represents the most controversial series in the history of cricket and a significant point in Anglo-Australian relations.

Sixty years ago on Monday the Australian Cricket Board of Control dispatched a telegram from Adelaide to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in London which seriously threatened Australia's bond with the "mother country".

It read: "Bodyline bowling assumed such proportions as to menace best interests of game, making protection of body by batsmen the main consideration, and causing intensely bitter feelings between players, as well as injury. In our opinion it is unsportsmanlike, and unless stopped at once is likely to upset the friendly relations existing between Australia and England."

The use of the word "unsportsmanlike" enraged the MCC hierarchy and led to delicate negotiations involving diplomats and politicians, including a Prime Minister.

But it was prompted by incidents during the third Test of the series in Adelaide, one in which Australian captain Bill Woodfull made his oft-quoted remark to the England team management: "There are two teams out there and one of them is trying to play cricket."

England had come to Australia under the captaincy of Douglas Jardine for the

summer of 1932-33 with a plan to counter the brilliance of Don Bradman, who had broken the hearts of English bowlers on the Ashes Tour of 1930.

Armed with one of the fastest bowlers the game has seen in Harold Larwood, the Englishmen adapted leg theory to suit short-pitched pace bowling.



DOUGLAS JARDINE

An inner and outer cordon of legside fieldmen prevented batsmen from adopting normal defensive methods for fear of popping up and it made the hook shot a hazardous means of counter-attack.

Few Australian batsmen in the series knew how to deal with the questionable but legal tactics.

"You people today don't realise how fast Harold was," said England's vice-captain on that tour, Bob Wyatt, in an interview several years ago.

Wyatt, one of six men involved in the series still alive, said: "Harold was dangerous because he was only fraction-

ally short of a length. He was beautifully accurate. He bowled skidders straight at the nose."

Larwood proved the difference in the series and it was two incidents involving him in Adelaide that led to the famous "unsportsmanlike" cable.

By the time the Adelaide Test started on January 13, 1933, relations between the two teams had soured to the



HAROLD LARWOOD

point where Jardine was allowed to knock upon but not enter the Australian dressing room.

With the series tied at 1-1, Jardine won the toss and batted with England posting 341 in their first innings.

Early in the Australian innings, a Larwood delivery cut back sharply and struck Woodfull a painful blow near the heart.

The Australian captain slumped in pain for several minutes before he was able to resume.

At the start of Larwood's next over to Woodfull, Jardine switched to the bodyline set-

ting, causing a heated response from the huge Saturday crowd.

Woodfull survived the Larwood onslaught, but was later bowled for 22 by Gubby Allen — the only English fast bowler who refused to bowl bodyline.

On Monday, Larwood, bowing to a normal field, pitched short on off stump to Australian wicketkeeper Bert Oldfield, who tried to execute a hookshot.

The ball ricocheted from his bat to his forehead and Oldfield staggered away grasping his head. Police had to prevent a pitch invasion as Oldfield was helped off and taken to hospital.

England won the Adelaide Test by 12 runs, but the tour faced cancellation amid a flurry of angry cables from officials on opposite sides of the globe.

The MCC's response to the dispatch from Australia also did not mince words.

It read: "We, the Marylebone Cricket Club, deplore your cable message and deprecate the opinion that there has been unsportsmanlike play. We have the fullest confidence in our captain, team and are convinced that they would do nothing to infringe the laws of cricket or the spirit of the game. We have no evidence that our confidence is misplaced."

Despite the intervention of diplomats and even Australian Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, neither side on the bodyline issue wanted to give ground.

The Australians did send another more friendly cable, but it still contained the word unsportsmanlike.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	43 Voting word	legal	21 Summer in Chartres
1 Zoo mammal	44 Drip's pal	3 Moslem ruler	23 Dad's retreat
4 Beer's cousin	46 Pry nosily	4 Cleo's executioner	25 Green vegetable
7 Tall sparrow	50 It might be radial	5 Chicago district	26 Harrow's rival
11 She's remembered	53 Swiss canton	6 Fencing swords	27 Stitches
13 Soak in liquid	56 God of love	7 He was "The Godfather"	28 Rebuff
14 Exchange premium	57 D.C. lobbying org.	8 Turkish title	29 Debussy's "Clair de —"
15 Seed coat	58 Eskers	9 Drink slowly	30 — Bator
16 He wrote of a raven	59 Reporter's concern	10 Youngster	31 Morning moisture
17 En-grossed	60 Storm center	12 He was "The Man in the White Suit"	35 "All the livelong —"
18 Sheik's retreat	61 Lodge member		38 Understand
20 Remove the rind	DOWN		40 Legal matter
22 Bovine mouthful	1 Eastern nanny		42 Cherry or apricot
24 Tends the furnace	2 Prefix for normal or	19 Coffee cup, often	45 Low, sturdy seat
28 Hit hard, with heat			

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