



South African wicket-keeper Dave Richardson jumps up in the air to jubilate the dismissal of Shri Lankan Asanka Gurusinha, bowled by Brett Schultz for 27, on the fourth day of the first Test at Moratuwa yesterday. Skipper Kepler Wessels is the first slip. Springboks were in trouble losing two wickets for 25, with 365 to win. — AFP photo

## South Africa in deep waters

**MORATUWA, Sri Lanka, Aug 29:** Sri Lanka had South Africa on the ropes after skipper Arjuna Ranatunga hit his fourth Test century on the fourth day of the first Test here Sunday, reports AFP.

Set a victory target of 365 in 25 overs plus the entire fifth day Monday, South Africa were tottering at 25 for 2 when bad light stopped play with 14 overs to be completed.

Seamers Chandika Hathurusinghe and Pramodya Wickremasinghe struck crucial blows as South Africa lost opener Andrew Hudson and vice-captain Hansie Cronje in the space of two runs to leave the visitors with the uphill task of battling Sri Lanka's spin trio on a pitch expected to turn appreciably on the final day.

Hudson tried to glance Hathurusinghe but was well caught by wicket-keeper Pu-

budu Dassanayake in the fourth over. Two overs later Sanath Jayasuriya substituting for Ranatunga held on to a catch that bounced off Cronje's bat off Wickremasinghe.

Skipper Kepler Wessels, who was unbeaten on 9, faces the heavy responsibility of salvaging the situation for South Africa on the last day.

Ranatunga, however, stole the thunder in front of a large crowd slamming 131 off 140 balls in his 43rd Test.

The Sri Lankan captain rescued his side from a vulnerable 75 for 4 by setting up two century stands during his 214-minute innings that helped Sri Lanka to 300 for a 6 declared.

The 29-year-old Ranatunga clouted medium pacer Cronje for a six that crashed into a crowded spectator stand in the mid-wicket region and thrashed 14 boundaries.

Earlier, the South African fielders were clearly unhappy when a return catch held by Cronje from Ranatunga was disallowed when the batsman was on 58.

Television re-plays showed Cronje taking a clean catch off his bowling but the view of head umpire K T Francis also seemed to be blocked by the bowler.

The portly left-hander first shared 121 runs for the fifth wicket with his deputy Aravinda de Silva and then a further 103 runs for the sixth wicket with Hashan Tillekeratne who made 33 not out.

Shri Lanka made the declaration shortly after Ranatunga was bowled by pacer Brett Schultz in the ninth over area tea.

Ranatunga batted with a runner in the last stages of his innings after being hit on his right foot by a full toss from

Schultz.

Ranatunga and De Silva came together after Sri Lanka had lost their overnight pair of Chandika Hathurusinghe and Asanka Gurusinha to be on 75 for 4 in the 16th over of the morning.

They plundered the first 50 runs of their partnership in 37



**RANATUNGA...131** minutes and took 44 minutes to bring up the 100-run stand.

The left-right hand combination showed sheer contempt for the hapless attack with De Silva reaching his 10th Test half-century before lunch in 67 balls.

On resumption, De Silva escaped from becoming Donald's second victim on two occasions when he was dropped at 55 in his first over after lunch by wicket-keeper Dave Richardson and then on 62 by slip fielder Wessels.

The diminutive De Silva, however, was dismissed six runs later when he tried to flick

debutant off-spinner Pat Symcox but was smartly caught by wicket-keeper Richardson.

De Silva's 68 of 109 balls included nine 4s and a six.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Sri Lanka and South Africa on Sunday:

**SRI LANKA:** First Innings 331 (H Tillekeratne 92, A Donald 9, B Schultz 4-75.)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First Innings 267 (A Hudson 90, Muralidharan 5-104.)

**SRI LANKA:** Second Innings (overnight 26-2)

R Mahanama lbw b Symcox 17  
C Hathurusinghe b Donald 9  
b Symcox 0  
A Gurusinha b Schultz 27  
A de Silva c Richardson b Symcox 68  
A Ranatunga b Schultz 131  
H Tillekeratne not out 33  
R Kalpage not out 0  
Extras: (b-3, lb-6, nb-6) 15  
Total: (for six wickets declared) 300  
Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-26; 3-34; 4-75; 5-196; 6-299.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Donald 22 5 73 1  
Schultz 20 2 82 2  
Cronje 8 2 27 0  
Symcox 21 2 75 3  
Eksteen 9 2 34 0

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second Innings

A Hudson c Dassanayake b Hathurusinghe 4  
K Wessels not out 9  
H Cronje c Sub (Jayasuriya b Wickremasinghe) 1  
D Cullian not out 4  
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-1) 7  
Total: (two wickets) 25  
Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-15.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Wickremasinghe 5 0 14 1  
Hathurusinghe 5 2 4 1  
Muralidharan 1 0 1 0

## Hooper's ton bails Kent out

**LONDON, Aug 29:** A rapid century by West Indian Carl Hooper, his second of the season, pulled Kent out of trouble on the third day of their County Championships match against Lancashire on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Northamptonshire's faint hopes of overhauling championship front runners Middlesex were still alive after they claimed maximum bonus points and then forced Leicestershire to follow on at Northampton.

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this season.

Vince Wells (50) helped him add 104 in 33 overs for the third wicket, but Boon's dismissal triggered a collapse which saw the last eight wickets fall for 98 with Kevin Curran (three for 35) and Andy Roberts (three for 51) the main destroyers.

Leg-spinner Roberts was also on target when Leicestershire went in again 160 adrift. He bowled both Boon (37) and skipper James Whitaker (21) and when Mark Bowen sent back Wells for a single, the innings was in serious trouble at 98 for three.

But Peter Hepworth held Northants at bay with a diligent and brave knock, and he finished the day 38 not out after three and a half hours at the crease.

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## Gooch may join WI tour on exigency

**LONDON, Aug 29:** Former England cricket captain Graham Gooch said Sunday he would only consider joining the winter tour of the West Indies if the team needed an emergency replacement, reports AP.

Gooch, who became England's all-time leading run-scorer in Test cricket this summer, said he otherwise does not plan to tour again.

"It is not because I don't want to play the cricket out in the West Indies," Gooch said in a television interview. "I would love to play Test match cricket. What I would struggle with is the fact that I don't like being away from England for three months at a time. I know when I get there that I don't think my heart will be in the actual being there."

Gooch, 40, said he told the England manager he could possibly fly out to the West Indies as an emergency last-minute substitute.

"I said to Keith Fletcher, 'If you have got an injury halfway through and if you want to consider it, then obviously I would consider it,'" Gooch said.

## England U-19 put Windies on ropes

**LONDON, Aug 29:** Pacer Danney Law took three for 63 and spinner Gary Keedy three for 79 as England's under-19 team forced West Indies to follow on in the second youth Test at Hove on Saturday, reports Reuter.

In reply to England's massive 561, West Indies were dismissed for 365. In their second innings, they struggled to 70 for three to go into the final day still 126 behind.

West Indies lost their last seven first-innings wickets for only 66 after Juni Mitchum, re-summing on 69, was leg before to Glen Chapple for 105.

Mitchum struck 18 fours off 212 balls, and extended his fourth-wicket stand with Andre Percival to 134.

Percival hit 10 boundaries in his 79 before being caught at extra cover off law and after his departure the West Indies lower-order offered little resistance.

## Brett wins battle of bros

**HONG KONG, Aug 29:** Family ties took a back seat as world number four Brett Martin of Australia defeated younger brother Rodney to score his first major career victory, here Sunday, reports AP.

The 30-year-old Brett swept to a 12-15, 15-12, 15-4, 15-4 victory to claim the Hong Kong open title, and a winner's purse of 12,000 US dollars.

"I'm 30 now and getting better all the time. My body feels quite good still," said Brett after his emphatic 37-minute triumph.

"I've never won any tournament like this before," added Brett, a late-starter in professional squash beginning his career in the mid-80s.

For so long overshadowed by Rodney, Brett came into the limelight Sunday, with an explosive display of attacking squash.

Having conceded the first

game, Brett started to dominate the front of the court with some blistering boasts, delightful drop shots and pin-point nicks.

The all-round attacking play placed Rodney under immense pressure, with the defending champion and two-time Hong Kong Open winner making numerous unforced errors.

Brett led all the way in the next three games, producing winning shots at will and keeping Rodney off-balance and vainly searching for a way to stem the tide.

The increasing confidence of Brett was highlighted by a beautiful overhead reflex flick on the run which wrong-footed Rodney in the third game.

"He played too well and kept me off balance right through," said the 27-year-old Rodney, who added he was not too fresh, Sunday.

Rodney overcame pre-tournament favouritism Jansher Khan in a strength-sapping five game semifinal, Saturday.

Brett admitted that he did

not have any game plan going into Sunday's final — the second time both brothers have met in a Professional Squash Association sanctioned final.

"I don't go out with any real plan when I walk out on court. It is hard to have a game plan against anyone," said Brett.

Brett's path to the final went unnoticed with all the attention focused on world champion Jansher and Rodney's progress, and the absence of Australian ace Chris Dittmar through injury.

Brett defeated England's Simon Parke 3-0 in the semis earlier in the tournament he recorded wins over Australian Antony Hill (quarterfinals), Finland's Sami Lopuro (second round) and qualifier John Williams of Australia (first round).

"I wasn't playing too well at the start of the week, but gradually it got better," said Brett.

Brett will next play in the Singapore Open, starting 31 August.

## Chang, Rosset waste no time

**COMMACK, NY, Aug 29:** Fifth-seeded Michael Chang beat top-seeded Stefan Edberg and unseeded Marc Rosset defeated No. 7 Goran Ivanisevic on Saturday in the semifinals of the \$1.3 million US Open, reports AP.

Chang's 6-1, 6-2 victory was his second in a row over Edberg, the defending champion in next week's US Open.

Rosset, ranked 30th in the world, was 10 minutes quicker in beating Ivanisevic 6-3, 6-3 in

59 minutes. The final is Sunday.

Playing in temperatures that cracked 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) along with a gusty breeze, Chang was much steadier as Edberg never reached break point against his service.

Chang beat Edberg in the ATP championships final at Cincinnati earlier this month in three sets.

"I was very surprised the way things went," Chang said. "Everything seemed to go my way. I was able to play solid tennis while he seemed a little frustrated."

Edberg still leads their head-to-head series 11-5 but the one-sided result left some doubts for Edberg as he starts his US Open defence.

"Michael had a good day and I didn't," Edberg said. "Physically I had recovered from (Friday) when I got dehydrated and was dying out there."

"But again, I had to come back from that and I didn't serve my best. The little wind was tough at times for me. I'll put this behind me and I'll be ready Monday when the Open begins. This has happened before. I'd worry a little if I was Michael and playing my best tennis now. You have to have a little left going into the Open."

Chang, who was beaten by Edberg in an epic five-hour semifinal match in last year's Open, has won 13 of his last 14 matches, all on hardcourt.

"I'd like to continue this into the Open," he said. "I'm not concerned because I hope I haven't played my best tennis yet. I hope to get better in the Open."

Chang won the first four games, getting the benefit of a controversial call as he broke Edberg's service in the opening game. He broke service again in an 18-point third game, erasing Edberg's game point four times and winning with a tough volley at Edberg's feet.

A couple of errors cost him a 40-0 lead in the sixth game, the only time he was taken to

deuce, but Edberg hit long and lost the opportunity.

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## Thomas Muster reaches final

**UMAG, Croatia, Aug 29:** Top-seeded Thomas Muster rallied from a 3-1 second-set deficit to beat Italian Renzo Furlan 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 Saturday to advance to the final of the \$1.3 million Croatian Open, reports AP.

The Austrian will face sixth-seeded Alberto Berasategui of Spain, who rallied from a first-set thrashing to overcome No. 2 Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Heavy rains, which washed out play Friday, forced organizers to schedule both quarter-finals and semifinals on Saturday.

Muster and Furlan both made several mistakes early before the Austrian took control in the middle of the second set.

Muster led 5-4 and had two break points before Furlan rallied with a forehand and overhead smash. Muster finally prevailed in the tiebreak, mostly on his service.

Furlan jumped out to the lead in the second set, but Muster settled himself two win five straight games with his forehand and unforced errors by his Italian foe.

It was Muster's ninth straight victory without losing a set and 14th overall.

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## Steven, Enqvist squire up in final

**SCHEENECTADY, New York, Aug 29:** New Zealand's Brett Steven beat second-seeded Czech Karel Novacek and Thomas Enqvist of Sweden defeated sixth seed Carlos Costa of Spain in straight-set semifinals upsets on Saturday at the 350,000 dollar OTB International Open, reports Reuter.

Steven had never reached an ATP Tournament final before beating Novacek 6-3, 6-1 in this warm up for the US Open.

"I played just about as well as I can play," said the New Zealander, ranked 46th in the world. "I was consistent. I kept the ball deep and I served well."

Steven defeated top-ranked Pete Sampras in reaching the quarter-finals at the Canadian Open four weeks ago.

Enqvist, a 19-year-old who dispatched Ivan Lendl in Friday's quarter-final, used a devastating serve and steady play from the baseline for a 6-1, 6-4 victory against Costa, who was suffering from patellar tendinitis in his feet.

## Porto pulled down again

**LISBON, Aug 29:** Portuguese league champions Porto suffered their second setback of the new season when they lost 1-0 to Maritimo Funchal in an away match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

In the first round of matches last weekend Porto were held to a 3-3 draw at home by Benfica, who were runners-up last season.

Striker Jorge Andrade scored Maritimo's winning goal in the 55th minute when he headed home a cross from fellow-Brazilian Edmilson Lucena.

Porto had a good chance to equalise in injury time but a header from Brazilian defender Aloisio Alves hit the bar.

Maritimo were fifth in the league table last season and won a place in the UEFA Cup — the first time a team from the autonomous Atlantic island of Madeira has secured the honour.

Today, Benfica entertain Estoril and Sporting Travel to newly-promoted Setubal.

## Rai gives Brazil a booster

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug 29:** Rai has sufficiently healed from his left leg problem and declared himself fit for Sunday's critical World Cup qualifying match against Bolivia, reports AP.

"I cheered for Rai to get better," said Palhinha, who was expected to replace the team captain if he were unable to start in the match at the northeastern coastal city of Recife. Carlos Abberto Parreira said his squad will press Bolivia from beginning to end.

"We won't give Bolivia any space to create plays," Parreira said. "We'll be all over them in all parts of the field."

Brazil want to avenge a July

week at Brazil's training centre in Teresopolis, 100 kilometres (60 miles) from Rio.

Parreira said Saturday that if the opportunity rises, he'll substitute Palhinha during Sunday's match probably for Mauro Silva.

Sao Paulo coach Tele Santana has repeatedly told press that Rai and Palhinha are most effective when playing together.

Santana, who coached the Brazilian national team in the 1982 and 1986 World Cups, said yesterday in Spain that "if they win championships for the Sao Paulo squad, they can do the same for Brazil."

Brazilian defenders Ricardo Gomes and Ricardo Rocha concentrated their training all week on squelching Bolivian midfielder Marco "El Diablo" Etcheverry — the "devil".

Etcheverry play is one reason Bolivia are 5-0-0 in the qualifying and could clinch their first trip to the World Cup finals with a victory and a draw or loss by Uruguay.

## Frankfurt crush Nuremberg 5-1

**BONN, Aug 29:** Ghanaian striker Anthony Yeboah scored twice as Eintracht Frankfurt crushed Nuremberg 5-1 away to overtake defending champion Werder Bremen at the top of the German Bundesliga on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Bremen won 3-2 at Kaiserslautern but dropped behind Frankfurt on goal difference.

Yeboah, joint top marksman in the Bundesliga last season with 20 goals, opened the scoring after 27 minutes and added at second eight minutes from the final whistle to take his tally for the new season to five goals.

Midfielder Uwe being made it 2-0 within five minutes of Yeboah's opening strike but Nuremberg reduced the arrears eight minutes into the second half when striker Sergio Zarte scored from the penalty spot.

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## Nigeria edge past Japan

**TOKYO, Aug 29:** Nigeria scored two goals in the first half and beat Japan 2-1 Sunday's advancing to the semifinals of the FIFA Under-17 World Soccer Championship, reports AP.

In other quarter-final matches Sunday, Poland faced the United States at Hiroshima, defending champions Ghana took on Australia at Kobe and the Czech-Slovakia Republic joint team met Chile at Kvoto.

The eight teams advanced to the quarter-finals by placing among the top two in four groups.