Rutherford doubtful

CHRISTCHURCH. New Zealand, Feb 22: New Zealand cricket captain Rutherford may be forced out of Thursday's third Test with Pakistan along with star allrounder Chris Cairns, reports

New Zealand have lost four Tests in a row after a sequence of disasters, including a knee injury to earlier captain and batsman Martin Crowe and injuries to fast bowler Danny Morrison.

Cairns withdrew from consideration saving he feared his injured knee, which kept him out of the second Test in Wellington, would not last the

Rutherford's fitness is in doubt after being struck in the hand during practice by a sharp rising delivery from Morrison. He walked out of the nets clutching his hand and while no bones have been broken he said it was very swollen and tender.

"Hopefully it will be all right before Thursday. I don't know much about it because I've not had an injury like this before."

Should Rutherford not be fit to play by Thursday morning then Mark Greatbatch, the team vice captain, will probably lead New Zealand for the first time at Test level.

The other option is for experienced batsman Andrew Jones to lead the side in his final Test.

Coach Geoff Howarth admitted New Zealand would be in a disastrous position were Rutherford unable to play.

"It is not good, he is one of gur senior players and he's just run into a bit of confidence and form in the last Test match

"It would leave a hole with us having to find another captain and another player to cover." Howarth said.

MUJTABA SIDELINED

Meanwhile, Pakistan vice captain Asif Mujtaba, who broke a finger while fielding in the second cricket Test in Wellington last week, was today ruled out of the third Test starting on Thursday.

"The injury is no good. Asif will not be able to play. Pakistan manager Majid Khan said after the team trained.

"It is still very painful and we are hoping it will recover in time for him to play in the one-dayers.

The injury continues and unhappy time for the 26-yearold left hand batsman, who had yet to make an impact in the Tests: His likely replacement in the side is Shoaib Mohammed, who substituted for Mujtaba in the field in -Wellington.

Mixed fortunes

INDIAN WELLS, California, Feb 22: A pair of seeds were eliminated, while an old champion set up a likely date with the reigning world number one in first-round play at the 400,000 dollars Evert Cup women's tennis tournament on Monday, reports Reuter.

Fifth-seeded Czech Helena Sukova, runner-up at last year's US Open, fell to Elena Likhovtseva of Kazakhstan 6-1 7-5, while Croatian Iva Majoli ousted seventh-seeded German Sabine Hack 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, taking the decisive final-set

tiebreak 7-4. Tracy Austin, the former women's number one and twotime US Open champion, advanced to the second round with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 victory over Slovakia's Radka Zrubakova.

The 31-year-old Austin will next play the winner of today's match between top seed Steffi Graf and Gigi Fernandez.

Graf looms as a strong favourite for the crown. The German owns a 73-2 record against players in this 32player field.

Natalia Zvereva of Belarus was the only seed to advance on Monday, breezing to a 6-0. 6-1 victory over American Betsy Nagelsen.

Australia get in right

PORT ELIZABETH, Feb 22: Australia outplayed South Africa decisively Tuesday to win the third one-day match of their

two-month tour by 88 runs, reports AP.

The visitors exploited a nearly perfect St George's Park batting strip and South African fielding mistakes to score 281 for six in their allotted 50 overs, then held the home side to 193 all out in 43 overs.

After two losses in which they batted second and failed to match South Africa's scores, Australia finally won the toss and chose to bat first.

* The Australian innings revolved around half centuries from David Boon (76), Dean Jones (67) and Mark Waugh (60), but the driving force behind the big total was a brilliant captain's innings.

Allan Border slogged a 17ball unbeaten 40 runs with three sixes and four boundaries, including 19 runs off a Fanie de Villiers over.

After the early loss of opener Mark Taylor, Boon and Jones shared 123 runs for the second wicket to lay the platform for a late-order run spree.

The pair reached individual milestones during their effort. with Boon reaching 5000 oneday runs and Jones 6000 in their 156th and 160th match respectively.

Boon struck seven boundaries off 104 balls for his 76 while Jones' runs came off 92 balls and included as many boundaries.

Man-of-the-match Mark Waugh carved out 60 runs off 54 balls which included two sixes and four boundaries. South Africa briefly threat-

ened to overhaul the Australian

effort, but lost wickets at regular intervals to bring about their downfall. Openers Gary and Peter Kirsten combined for only 33 runs, leaving it for Hansie Cronje and Jonty Rhodes to

provide the driving force for the run chase. The pair worked hard to raise 66 runs for the third wicket but once they departed, the innings fell apart.

Adrian Kuiper, who smashed the Aussie attack all over Centurian Park for his unbeaten 47 Sunday, tried singlehandedly but failed. He produced 33 runs off 16

balls with two towering sixes and three boundaries before Craig McDermott bowled him

middle stump.

The more important outcome of the game was the form of leg spinner Shane Warne, who bowled outstandingly to pick up four for 36 in 10 overs. Warne had been hit hard in the first two matches.

South Africa lead the eight match one-day series 2-1. The tour also will include three smiled. five-day Tests.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard in the third oneday international between Australia and South Africa at St George's Park here Tuesday:

AUSTRALIA Taylor c Richardson b De Villiers 2 Boon b De Villiers Jones run out (Donald) M Waugh c Rhodes b Matthews 60 McDermott run out (Cronje) S Waugh c Matthews b Donald Border not out Healy not out Extras: (1-lb, 1-w) Total: (6 wickets - 50 overs) 281

Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-135; 3-180; 4-198; 5-233; 6-276 Bowling: 0 M R W 55 2 De Villiers 10 Matthews 60 Donald 62 10 Cronje 25 Symcox 0 32 Kuiper (Incomplete)

Bridgetown. Among all the

Anglo-Windies Test annals

By Asrarul Islam Chowdhury



This article will very briefly focus upon the last ten rubbers played in the Caribbean against England.

THE BEGINNING: The West Indies played their first Test on home soil at Bridgetown, Barbados on Saturday 11 January 1930 against England. It was drawn. George Headley scored 176 in that Test and became the youngest player to score a century on his debut. Javed Miandad broke this record 46 years later against New Zealand in Lahore. In the third Test, Headley scored a 100 in each innings, a feat not repeated by any batsman of the two teams. Sandham (England) scored 325 in the fourth Test which is still the highest individual knock among the two teams, Hendren amassed 693 runs which is still the highest number of runs accumulated in one rubber by the English vs the West Indians. The series ended 1-1.

1934-35: The West Indies won the rubber 2-1 to win their first ever series. At Bridgetown, England won by four wickets and are the only Test team to defeat the West Indies on the ground.

1947-48: The rubber was • won 2-0 by the West Indies. At Bridgetown, Headley played his last Test and was also the first black player to captain West Indies. Headley played only 22 Tests, hit 11 centuries with 60.83 ave and amassed 2190 runs. No West Indies batsman has been able to surpass his record. The 3 Ws; Sir Worrell, Walcott and Weekes made their debut in this

1953-54: In fifth and final Test, Sir Garry Sobrry Sobers made his Test debut. The series ended 2-2. Walcott scored (124, 51 not out) and (50, 116) in the last two Tests. Next year, when Australia came, he scored (108, 39) and (126, 110) in the first two Tests, ie. five 100s in four successive Tests, which is still a world record.

1959-60: Eng won their first rubber on Caribbean soil 1-0. Sobers amassed 709 runs in the séries which is still the highest Caribbean soil vs England. Sir Worrell and Walcott played their last Test against England in 76. Worrell played 51 Tests, hit nine tons and amassed 3860 runs, while Walcott played 44 Tests, hit 15

tons and amassed 3798 runs. 1967-68: Again Eng won the series 1-0. Snow took 27 wickets in the series which is still the most wickets taken by

any English bowler in one series in the Caribbean. Clive Lloyd made his debut in this 1973-74: The series ended

1-1. At Trinidad, Sir Garry Sobers played his last Test. He played 93 Tests, hit 26 centuries with an ave of 57.78 and amassed 8032 runs. His highest individual knock of 365 vs Pakistan in 1958 at Jamaica is still a world record. At Bridgetown, Lawrence Rowe hit 302 which is still the highest individual West Indians innings vs England anywhere.

1980-81 : Clive Lloyd, captained the West Indies on home soil for the first and last time and won the series 2-0. Lloyd played 110 Tests, hit 19 centuries and amassed 7515 runs and is also the first Caribbean to play 100 Tests. 1985-86: After Lloyd

BLACKWASHED England 5-0 in England, Richards repeated the feat on home soil. Ironically, Gower was the captain on both occasions! Marshall and Garner both took 27 wickets which is the highest in one rubber in the Caribbean. Richards scored the quickest Test century (56 balls) in the fifth Test.

1989-90: Richards led the team for the last time in the Caribbean and won 2-1. Both Richards and Marshall played their last series, against England on home soil. Richards played 121 Tests, hit 24 100s with 50.26 ave and amassed 8540 runs. Marshall took 376 wickets from 81

Tests played on this ground, only England way back in 1935 managed to record a victory [by four wickets]. Pakistan's Hanif Mohammad scored his monumental 337 here in 1958. Also Georege Headley scored 176 on his debut Test against England in 1930 and became the youngest player to score a century on his debut. The record was broken 46 years later by Javed Miandad [163 runs] vs New Zealand at Lahore. Among the cricketing heroes of this country; The 3 W's, Clyde Walcott, Everton Weekes, Sir Frank Worrell; Garner, Malcolm Marshall, Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Hanes, Wes Hal Charlie Griffith et al are noteworthy, not to mention the alltime greatest crickets, Sir Garfield St. Aubrun Sobers. JAMAICA: This island is

4,282 sq miles big. The Test ground is called Sabina Park and is in the capital, Kingston. It was on this ground that Sir Garry Sobers scored his world record 365 not out against Pakistan in March 1958 and also became the sole person to convert his maiden Test century into a triple one. Cricketing legends of Jamaica include: all Valentine Michael Holding, Jeff Dujon, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Walsh and of course the great George

Headley. GUYANA: This is not an island, but a part of Northern South America with an area of 83,000 sq miles. Tests are played at the Bourda Ground

A table of the results of the last ten rubbers played against. England in the Caribbean is presented below (read as played won, lost drawn / abandoned

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WINDIES	1929-30	4	1	1	2	1-1	50.0	5	0.0
WINDIES	1934-35	4	2	1	1	2-1	62.5	3	7.5
WINDIES	1947-48	4	2	0	2	2-0	75.0	2	5.0
WINDIES	1953-54	5	2	2	1	2-2	50.0	. 5	0.0
WINDLES	1959-60	5	0	1	4	0-1 -	40.0	6	0.0
WINDIES	1967-68	5	0	1	4	0-1	40.0	. 6	0.0
WINDLES	1973-74	5	1	1	3	1-1	50.0	5	0.0
WINDIES	1980-81	5	2	0	3	2-0	70.0	3	0.0
WINDLES	1985-86	5	5	0	0	5-0	100.0		0.0
WINDIES	1989-90	4	2	1	1	2-1	62.5	3	7.5
TOTAL		46	17	8	21		59.8	4	0.2

I would like to introduce the grounds where England will play this year and also mention some of the heroes of

Windies cricket BARBADOS: Although a very small island of only 166 sq miles. Barbados is the strongest among the cricket playing nations in the Caribbean. Tests are played at Kensington Oval and the ground is in the capital,

and is in the capital Georgetown. George Headley made 114 and 112 in the 1930 Test verses England and is still the only person to score two 100s in one Test among the two teams anywhere. Rohan Kanhai, Faoud Bacchus, Colin Croft, Lance Gibbs, Alvin Kallicharan, Carl Hooper, Roger Harper are some of the famous players of this country. the most successful being captain of modern cricket, Clive

Lloyd. TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: These two island have a combined area of only 1,280 sq miles. The ground is called Queens Park Oval and is in the capital of Trinidad, Port of Spain. It was on this ground that Walcott scored an incredible five centuries from four consecutive Tests. The cricketing heroes of this country are Larry Gomes, Deryck Murray, Sonny Ramadhin, Gus Logie, Phil Simmons, Brian Lara and the great, Lord Learie Constantine.

ANTIGUA: This island is only 171 sq miles big. The Test ground is called St. Johns Recreational Ground and is in the capital, St John's. It was on this ground that Viv Richards scored the quickest Test hundred [56 balls] against England an 1986. Andy Roberts, Richie Richardson and Curtly Ambrose are the cricketing heroes of this island, the greatest being Viv Richards, the only Test captain who has not lost a single

Martina rallies

PARIS. Feb 22: Martina Navratilova recovered from a slow start to beat Julie Halard of France 7-5, 6-3 and retain the Paris Indoor title on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Navratilova, due to retire at the end of the year, will now look to a second French victory at Roland Garros in May.

"Two successes in Paris in 1994? That would be a miracle. But who knows," she

Chang's second

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 22: Third-seeded Michael Chang dominated Paul Haarhuis 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the 713,750 dollar US indoor on Sunday to take his second title of the year, reports Reuter.

"It's been a great start for me for 1994," Chang said. "Hopefully, there are bigger

and better things to come." The ninth-ranked Chang, who earned 96,000 dollars successfully defended his Jakarta crown last month and has now won 15 career titles. Haarhuis earned 53,200 dollars as runner-up.

Hyun retires

SEOUL, Feb 22: South Korea's Hyun Jong-hwa, the winner of four world table tennis championships, announced her retirement Tuesday, reports AP.

Hyun, 25, known as the Queen of the green table," has won women's singles, doubles, team and mixed doubles world championships since 1987. Last year, she won the women's singles title at the Gothenburg World Championships in Sweden.

Hyun, along with doubles partner Hong Cha-ok, 24, will retire March 14 at the end of the national table tennis season to make way for younger players, she said at a press conference.

Top guns move up

SINGAPORE, Feb 22: All five pre-tournament favourites moved into the quarterfinals of the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup badminton Asian zone prelimi nary rounds here Monday, reports AFP.

In the men's Thomas Cup, India, Australia and Singapore topped their respective groups to move into the next round while host Singapore and India moved into the last eight of the women's Uber Cup championships. India and Singapore score a

double each with their men's and women's team moving into the last eight. But Australia were not out-

was given an automatic berth into the quarterfinals. The quarterfinals begin Wednesday after a rest day.

done as their women's team

In the Thomas Cup. favourites China and South Korea drew first round bye

while in the Uber Cup South Korea and Japan were given bye. All four are seeded teams. The preliminary rounds were played on a one round league basis with the group winners qualifying for the

quarter-finals. There were three groups in the Thomas Cup and only two in the Uber Cup.

The quarterfinals would be on a knockout basis.

Three teams from each section will qualify for the final rounds to be held in Jakarta in

May.



Hamar, Norway on Feb 19. Blair won the race, and became the first woman to win a gold medal in three successive Winter Olympics.

Blair's moment of truth



HAMAR, Norway, Feb 22: Dan Jansen had his last stand. Now it's Bonnie Blair's turn.

America's golden girl closes her lustrous Olympic career

with Wednesday's 1,000 metres, and there is plenty of history to be made, reports AP. A gold medal would give her

five, and make her the winningest US woman ever in the Olympics. It would also give her six total medals, one more than Eric Heiden, the most decorated US Winter Olympian of all time. Blair can earn that distinc-

tion with any medal. But it will be a major upset if anyone but Blair climbs to the top of the podium at the centre of the Viking Ship Olympic Hall, especially after her strong fourth-place finish in Monday's 1,500 metres.

"I had a great, great race," Blair said. "I'm skating great."

Blair almost surpassed Heiden, who swept the five speedskating events in 1980, two days earlier than most people expected. She finished the 1,500 me-

tres just .03 of a second be-

hind bronze-medalist Gunda Niemann of Germany in a personal best time of 2 minutes. 3.44 seconds. "I knew it would be real

close, but I've been real strong so I knew it was worth a chance," Blair said. "I'm glad I took the chance.'

Only gold-medalist Emese Hunvady of Austria had a better time than Blair with one lap to go Monday, a sign that left Blair very confident about her chances to defend her Olympic 1,000-metre title.

"The first part came real easy to me, especially the first 1,100, and that's real important to me," she said.

Jansen wrote a spectacular end to his agonising career when he won last Friday's 1,000 in world-record time. It was his only medal in four Olympics. But Blair has made the

American national anthem a regular on the play list at the speedskating venues the last three Games.

After finishing eighth in the 500 as an awestruck 19-yearfold at the 1984 Sarajevo Games. Blair won the 500 and took a bronze in the 1,000 in 1988 at Calgary:

She came back with gold in both races at the 1992 Games

in Albertville, and continued her golden run in Saturday's 500 by becoming the only speedskater ever to win the same event three times in a

Blair tied sprinter Evelyn Ashford, swimmer Janet Evans and diver Pat McCormick with that performance. On Wednesday, she can become the only US five-time gold medalist

Blair, who will be 30 next

month, still is stalking her 500-metre world record of 39.10 seconds, set in the 1988 Olympics. She came close last month, skating a 39.12 on her way to the world sprint, championship, but she was disappointed with the 39.25 that won Saturday's race.

The final race of her career probably will come at next year's sprint championships in Milwaukee, her adopted hometown, and Blair badly wants to be the first woman to skate the 500 in 38-something. But family members say she

also is eager to get on with her life, to finish school, settle down, start a family. Blair admits those thoughts are encroaching on her more often, but she still is tuned only to what matters now — her final Olympic race.

Woodforde, Sanchez tumble Sweden's Stefan Edberg is SCOTTSDALE,



Arizona, Feb 22: Australian Mark Woodforde and Spain's Javier Sanchez, the fourth

and sixth seeds, were two early casualties as the 288,750 dollars Arizona men's tennis championships got underway on Monday, reports Reuter.

Byron Black, of Zimbabwe, ranked 99th, surprised Woodforde 6-4, '6-3, while Brazilian Luiz Mattar, number 78, ousted the Spaniard 6-3,

Second seed Malivai Washington escaped a similar fate by claiming third-set tiebreak 7-4 to register a 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 comeback win over Australian Patrick Rafter in a two-hour 32-minute match delayed for 80 minutes because of a faulty generator that dimmed the centre court lights.

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the top seed in this 32-player hardcourt event, which will mark the season debt of former Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi, who has been idle since undergoing wrist surgery in December. Agassi will play fellow-American Mark Keil today. Woodforde started strongly,

a weary Black, who was stuck for eight hours at an airport while awaiting a connecting flight to reach here. But Black got untracked, reeling off the next six games

racing out to a 4-0 lead against

against Woodforde, who was a semifinalist here last year. In the second set, Black

continued to roll, jumping to a 5-2 lead as Woodforde's lefthanded serve abandoned him. Woodforde resisted, saving four match points at 5-3 before finally losing the one-hour 29minute match.

Woodforde, ranked 47. blamed his downfall on poor serving. "I think from the first game

didn't serve too week," said

the fourth-seeded Australian. who put only 55 per cent of his first serves into play and committed four double faults. "It hurt my confidence, and just got progressively worse." "Even though I was up 4-0. I think it was due to Byron probably giving me more

points," said Woodforde, who

makes up one half of the

world's third-ranked doubles

team. "I was just hitting it back at that stage. I haven't been serving well." Black took the first set when Woodforde doublefaulted three times while serv-

ing at 4-5. "I didn't feel too confident when I started and that's probably the reason I let myself go 4-0 down," said Black.

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skating event, wipes away a tear from Austrian gold winner Emese Hunyady's eye as they stand on the podium during the award ceremony in Hamar, Norway on Feb 21.