

Cronje's effort fails to salvage SA

## Warne weaves another spell



PAISALABAD, Pakistan, Oct 18: Leg-spinner Shane Warne captured four wickets in six balls to bowl Australia to a 22-run victory over South Africa on Tuesday in a triangular one-day tournament, reports Reuter.

Chasing a modest Australian total of 208 for six from their 50 overs, South Africa tumbled to their third successive defeat when they were bundled out for 186 in 48.2 overs.

Warne, who finished with



SHANE WARNE ... 4 for 40

four for 40 from his 9.2 overs, received fine support from off-spinner Tim May who claimed two for 34 in his first match of the tournament.

South African vice-captain Hanse Cronje, who top-scored with 64, was voted man-of-the-match but his efforts were in vain as the rest of his teammates succumbed tamely.

A delighted Australian skipper Mark Taylor said: "It was a great victory as we were defending a small total."

He praised Warne, saying: "The guy bowled really well and had the opposing batsmen in tangles."

"If we keep winning in this way, I think we have a good chance of taking home the cup."

South African skipper Kepler Wessels was disappointed. "The loss has put us back and only a miracle can keep us in the competition," he said.

The South Africans, who desperately needed a victory, had an early setback when opener Andrew Hudson was run out by smart fielding from Warne at mid-on after Wessels had refused a single.

Wessels was then joined by

Cronje in the best partnership of 57 in 120 balls for the second wicket, which took the score to 64 when May broke the stand.

Wessels, who was shaping well, top-edged an intended sweep and was caught by Michael Bevan at short fine leg for 30, which included four fours from 70 balls.

Jonty Rhodes followed next for 11, caught by David Boon as he mistimed a sweep from May, and when Cronje was fourth out at 124, the match slipped out of South Africa's grasp.

Cronje was caught by Steve Waugh at mid-wicket as he pulled McDermott who returned to the attack for his second spell. His well-made 64 contained five fours from 94 balls and was the seventh half century for the 25-year-old Orange Free State batsman in his 54th one-day international.

Dave Richardson was trapped lbw by McGrath for 10 at 139 while Gary Kirsten was also dismissed by the same bowler for 24.

Warne then swept aside the South African tail claiming Eric Simons (11), Derek Crookes (20), Meyrick Pringle (0) and finally Fanie de Villiers with Ian Healy stumping three of them.

Earlier, the Australian batting was highlighted by the second-wicket stand of 63 between Slater (38) and Mark Waugh (38) in 88 balls.

After the South African spinners Clive Eksteen and Crookes had pinned down the Australians as they conceded 43 runs between them from 12 overs, top-scorer Boon with 43 and Steve Waugh (23) revitalised the innings by adding 48 runs for the fourth wicket.

Boon (36) and Warne (15) further added useful 41 runs for the unbroken seventh wicket to push the total past 200.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the triangular limited-overs cricket series match between Australia and South Africa today:

## AUSTRALIA:

Taylor c Richardson b De Villiers 4

Slater b Eksteen 38

Wessels c Richardson b Cronje 38

Boon c Wessels b Pringle 43

Waugh b Simons 23

Bevan not out 36

Healy c De Villiers b Simons 4

Warne not out 15

Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-1, w-3) 7

Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs) 208

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-69;

3-95; 4-143; 5-160; 6-167.

Did not bat: T May, C McDermott, G McGrath.

Bowling O M R W

De Villiers 9 2 41 1

Pringle 9 1 49 1

Simons 10 0 41 2

Cronje 10 1 31 1

Eksteen 8 0 26 1

Crookes 4 0 17 0

**SOUTH AFRICA:**

Wessels c Bevan b May 30

Hudson run out 5

Waugh c S Waugh

**HANSIE CRONJE ... m-o-m**

b McDermott 64

Rhodes c Boon b May 11

G Kirsten b McGrath 24

Richardson lbw b McGrath 10

Simons st Healy b Warne 11

Crookes st Healy b Warne 20

Pringle lbw b Warne 0

Eksteen not out 0

De Villiers st Healy b Warne 11

Extras: (lb-7, nb-1, w-3) 11

Total: (all out, 48.2 overs) 186

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-64;

3-86; 4-124; 5-139; 6-156; 7-

176; 8-176; 9-185.

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**Result: Australia won by 22 runs.**

**Man-of-the-match: Hansie Cronje.**

**Next match: Pakistan v South Africa at Rawalpindi, Thursday.**

## STANDINGS

Standings in the triangular limited overs cricket series after today's match between Australia and South Africa (tabulate under played, won, lost, points):

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Pakistan 2 1 1 2 0

South Africa 3 0 3 0 0

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## Rain delays SL-Zimbabwe second Test

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Oct 18: Heavy weekend rain has forced a two-day delay until Thursday in the second cricket Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka, reports Reuter.

With water sweeping under the covers and onto the pitch and the rest of the field water-logged, there was no prospect of any play on the scheduled first day today.

Zimbabwe Cricket Union chief executive Don Arnott said on Monday: "The Sri Lanka Cricket Board has agreed to put back the start to this Test by two days and it will now begin on Thursday."

"There was no chance of starting tomorrow (Tuesday) and a great deal of doubt as to a start even on Wednesday."

Friday was to have been a rest day but play will now go right through to Monday. The third and final Test between the two sides will begin, as scheduled, next Wednesday.

The heavy rain has eased and the long-term weather forecast for the next few days is for brighter, drier conditions.

## Holm humbled

BEIJING, Oct 18: Third-seed Henrik Holm became the first seeded player to crash out of the second Salem Open tennis tournament in Beijing, losing in the first round on Monday, reports Reuter.

The Swede, ranked 46th in the ATP rankings, lost to Christo van Rensburg of South Africa 6-7 (4-7), 6-7 (7-9) in the tournament, which will end next Sunday.

In other matches of the day, David Wheaton of the United States defeated fellow American Steve Bryan 6-3, 6-2. Mark Petchey of Britain beat American rival Richard Matuszewski 6-3, 6-0. Russian Andrei Olhosciky outplayed Martin Sinner of the United States 6-4, 6-4.

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## Tale of the other Martina



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## Edberg wins

HONG KONG, Oct 18: Sweden's Stefan Edberg beat Bryon Black of Zimbabwe 6-3, 7-5 Tuesday in the opening round of the 763,500 dollar Hong Kong Marlboro championship, reports AP.

Edberg, the world's fifth-ranked tennis player, is seeded to win the Blue Group, which also includes Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands.

The 12 players in the invitational tournament are divided into four preliminary groups, with the winner of each group advancing to the semifinals.

Edberg can become the first player to book his semifinal place when he meets Eltingh in his second match on Wednesday.

Edberg was arrested in May

on charges of marijuana pos-