

Windies-India final today

Sports Reporter

The West Indies will have to wait for some time before the two-time one-day world champions get another chance to try at a most proper revenge if they fail to beat hosts India in the final of the Pepsi triangular one-day series at the Eden Gardens, Calcutta today.

The 50-overs-a-side finale, a day-night affair, will serve as a ready reminder of India's stunning victory over the Caribbean in the Hero Cup final not long ago.

Though not at the peak of their strength, particularly in the absence of skipper Richie Richardson and key bowler Curtly Ambrose, the West Indian, with the record-breaking Brian Lara around in the company of in-form Carl Hooper and Keith Arthurton, can conjure nightmare for the relatively inexperienced Indian bowling, further weakened by the axing of Manoj Prabhakar and recently-retired Kapil Dev.

The Indian batting juggernaut, quite on the roll in this meet with all their major batsmen in prime form, will be greatly relieved if the newly-appointed West Indies skipper and then most experienced bowler Courtney Walsh fail.

Div II b'ball

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Evans and Suman played prominent roles as Suhrid Sangha scraped past OFA by the skin of their teeth in an exciting encounter of the Mohsin Cup Second Division basketball league at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Evans and Suman had hauls of 27 and 24 respectively as Suhrid who led the first half 43-35 finally prevailed 79-78 in a fascinating contest.

Baker and Atiq were the major scorers for the losers with 22 and 12 points respectively.

In day's other match, another fairly even affair, Rising Force came back from behind to inflict a 54-51 defeat on Bakshibazar.

Maqsood played the leading role in Rising Force's second half resurgence with a personal tally of 16, well supported by Pinto who chipped in with 11.

Pappu and Ruhi with ten and nine respectively did their best for Bakshibazar who led the first half 28-26.

N'ganj soccer

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 4: Khanpur Mohsin Club and Sonakanda White Club shared points in a one-all draw in the Hanjin Shipping First Division football league at the local stadium today.

Delwar Hossain of White Club put his side into the lead with a 22nd minute strike in the first half which Nijhum neutralised 24 minutes into the second half.

Suktara Juniors take on Sirajudwala Club tomorrow.

Cdg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 4: Land Customs earned two valuable points in the CJKP First Division football league beating Agrabad Nowjoan Club 2-1 at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

The first half was scoreless. Towfik and Manju scored once each for Land Customs while Anup netted the lone goal for Nowjoan.

Land Customs and Agrabad Nowjoan both collected 20 points from 16 matches.

Alpha Tobacco soccer

Sports Reporter

Cannon and Regal clubs were locked in a two-all draw in the lone match billed for the eighth day of the Alpha Tobacco football tournament at the Dhanmendi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Saiful and Taiyab scored for Cannon while Khaled and Javed netted one each for Regal.

New Kalabagan president

Sports Reporter

GK Chowdhury has been nominated as the president of Kalabagan Krira Chakra to succeed Marshall Shah Alam, who stepped down for personal reasons.

Meanwhile, Shah Alam has been unanimously appointed the chief adviser of the club.

Keegan keen to buy Gazza

ROME, Nov 4: Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan is bidding to sign Paul Gascoigne, Italian press reports said here Wednesday, reports AFP.

But Lazio president Dino Zoff said he planned to keep hold of the England midfielder, despite Keegan's offer, reported to be around 4.3 million pounds (6.5 million dollars).



Australian Justin Langer sweeps Pakistani leggie Mushtaq Ahmed during the fourth day's play of the third and final Test at Lahore yesterday. Justin made a determined 69 in the Aussie first innings score of 455. — AFP photo

McGrath rocks Pakistan once again

Aussies get upper hand



LAHORE, Pakistan, Nov 4: Fast bowlers Glenn McGrath and Craig McDermott fired Australia's bid for a series-levelling victory by reducing Pakistan's second innings to 137 for five in the third and final Test on Friday, reports Reuters.

Pakistan, 82 behind on first innings, ended the fourth day leading by a meagre 55 and with their hopes of saving the game resting on captain Salim Malik, unbeaten on 59, and Aamir Sohail on four.

McGrath, who jolted Pakistan in a fiery opening spell, ended the day with three for 38 from 12 overs and was supported by McDermott and off-spinner Tim May with a wicket each.

Australia, trailing 1-0 in the series, added 111 to their overnight 344 for five before they were bowled out 35 minutes after lunch.

Justin Langer, who resumed on 38, went on to his highest Test score of 69 and shared a sixth-wicket stand of 84 with Shane Warne, who contributed a useful 38.

Paceman Mohsin Kamal (4-116) and a leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed (4-121) were the most successful bowlers.

Pakistan's slump started immediately when McGrath had Basit Ali, promoted to open while Sohail was nursing a stiff neck, caught behind by Phil Emery for two in this second over.

Eight runs later, with the total 28, McDermott combined with Emery to remove Inzamam-ul-Haq for three.

Salim, who made 75 in the first innings, and Saeed Anwar put on 32 for the third wicket before McGrath struck again.

Saeed, who was shaping well, edged an outswinger to give Emery his third catch. The left-hander hit six fours in his 32 from 41 balls.

The new South Wales paceman, playing his seventh Test, dealt another crucial blow to Pakistan by trapping Ijaz Ahmed (5) leg before with a yorker at 74.

Australia continued to press home their advantage by re-

moving first innings century-maker Moin Khan. The wicket-keeper attempted to square-cut May and provided McDermott with an easy catch at backward point after making 16.

Salim, who made a career-best 237 to help draw the second Test at Rawalpindi, brought up his half-century by square-cutting for his seventh

innings ended when McGrath was bowled round his legs by Mushtaq.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on Friday, the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Australia.

PAKISTAN: First innings

373

AUSTRALIA: First innings

(overnight 344 for five)

Slater c Moin Khan 74

b Mohsin Kamal

Taylor c Saeed Anwar

b Mushtaq Ahmed 32

Boon c Moin Khan b Akram Raza 5

Emery not out 8

Waugh c Moin Khan

b Mohsin Kamal 71

Bevan c sub b Mushtaq Ahmed 91

Langer c Ijaz Ahmed

b Mohsin Kamal 69

Warne c b Mohsin Kamal 33

McDermott c b

b Mushtaq Ahmed 29

May c Moin Khan b Akram Raza 0

McGrath b Mushtaq Ahmed 3

Extras: (b-3, lb-17, nb-8, w-2) 30

Total 455

Fall of wickets: 1-97; 2-106;

3-126; 4-248; 5-318; 6-402;

7-406; 8-443; 9-450; 10-455.

Bowling: O M R W

Aaqib Javed 31 9 75 0

Mohsin Kamal 28 2 116 4

Mushtaq Ahmed 45 1 6 121 4

Akram Raza 45 9 123 2

Overs: 149. 1: Minutes: 641.

PAKISTAN: Second innings

Basit Ali c Emery b McGrath 2

Saeed Anwar c Emery b McGrath 32

Inzamam-ul-Haq c Emery

b McDermott 3

Salim Malik not out 59

Ijaz Ahmed lbw b McGrath 6

Moin Khan c McDermott b May 16

Aamir Sohail not out 4

Extras: (b-2, lb-8, nb-5) 15

Total (five wickets) 137

Fall of wickets: 1-20; 2-28;

3-60; 4-74; 5-107.

Bowling: O M R W

McDermott 10 1 41 1

McGrath 12 0 38 3

Warne 10 1 31 0

May 7 3 12 1

Bevan 1 0 5 0

Overs: 40; Minutes: 176.

Umpires: Riaz Uddin (Pakistan) and Cyril Mithley (South Africa)

TV umpire: Mian Aslam

Match Referee: John Reid (New Zealand)



GLEN MCGRATH ... 3 for 38

four. By the close he had hit eight fours, faced 109 balls and batted 143 minutes.

In the morning, Australia lost Warne first when he lobbed back a gentle catch to Kamal, and Langer fell four runs later to a spectacular one-handed catch at the second attempt by Ijaz Ahmed at backward point.

Langer battled for 251 minutes, hit three fours and received 142 deliveries.

McDermott helped to stretch the lead by hammering a breezy 29 in 32 balls, with six fours, before he was caught and bowled by Mushtaq.

May went for 10 to off-spinner Akram Raza and the

Larsson powers Feyenoord



LONDON, Nov 4: Swedish international Henrik Larsson scored a hat-trick to spur Feyenoord.

Rotterdam to an outstanding 4-3 victory over Werder Bremen in their European Cup Winners' Cup second round tie in Germany on Thursday, reports Reuters.

The Dutch side, who led 1-0 from the first leg, scored two of their goals from the penalty spot to knock out the former holders and qualify for the quarter-finals 5-3 on aggregate. They played the last 19 minutes with only 10 men.

Holders Arsenal survived a scare before progressing to the last eight with a 2-2 home draw against Denmark's Brondby, who took a shock second-minute lead.

Bo Hansen put the Danes ahead and Dan Eggen scored again midway through the second half. But a penalty from Ian Wright and another goal immediately after halftime from Ian Selley were enough to send Arsenal through 4-3 on aggregate.

Sampdoria, winners in 1990, suffered a 3-2 defeat in Switzerland to Grasshopper Zurich but were always assured a quarter-final berth by virtue of their 3-0 home-leg victory.

Werder Bremen, winners in 1992, had an ideal start as they sought to overturn that 1-0 first-leg deficit against Feyenoord with a goal from Russian Vladimir Beschastnykh after just 12 minutes.

But Larsson, who scored the first-leg winner, equalised in

the 21st minute and gave Feyenoord the lead with his second 13 minutes later.

Ruud Heus converted a penalty in the 56th minute to put the Dutch further ahead. Six minutes after Beschastnykh reduced the deficit, World Cup striker Larsson completed his hat-trick with a second penalty to put Feyenoord 4-2 up.

Feyenoord were reduced to 10 men after Arnold Scholten



HENRIK LARSSON

was sent off in the 71st minute for his second bookable offence but Bremen only managed to add a 90th-minute consolation goal from Mario Basler.

England's second club, Chelsea, also went through to the quarter-finals, on the away goals rule after drawing 1-1 against Austria Vienna.

A brilliant solo goal from

John Spencer five minutes before halftime, combined with a determined defensive display under intense pressure, saw the former cup holders progress.

The injury hit Londoners, who won the trophy in 1971 after beating Real Madrid in a replay, had to endure a nervous final 18 minutes after Lithuanian striker Arminas Narbekovas levelled the scores. Spencer, returning to the side following a four-week lay-off after visiting a faith healer last week to cure a knee injury, galloped almost the full length of the pitch and rounded goalkeeper Franz Wohlfahrt to score.

"I don't think I will ever score a better goal," said Spencer. "I kept thinking the sweeper was going to appear like a sniper from out of the grass."

Former European champions FC Porto lost 2-0 to Ferencvaros in Hungary but were never in danger of being knocked out, cushioned by a huge 6-0 first leg advantage. They were reduced to 10 men after Fernando Bandeira was sent off for a second bookable offence in the 52nd minute.

Two goals from 22-year-old winger Sabri Lamouchi carried French club Auxerre into the quarter-finals with a 2-0 win and 4-2 aggregate victory over Besiktas of Turkey.

Spanish league leaders Real Zaragoza, holding a 4-0 lead from the away leg against Slovakia's Tatran Presov, never extended themselves on the way to a 2-1 win.

Subba Row's ruling: India lose two points

NEW DELHI, Nov 4: Tournament referee Raman Subba Row on Thursday docked two points off India's total in a triangular limited overs cricket tournament for not trying to beat West Indies, reports Reuters.

Row, the International Cricket Council (ICC) referee at the tournament also involving New Zealand, wrote to Indian manager Ajit Wadekar saying India's slow run-rate against West Indies implied a bid not to win to ensure a financially more lucrative final against the West Indians.

Wadekar, saying he had never heard of such a ruling before and no cricket law was cited in the letter he received from Row, said he would object to the ruling.

"We will object to the decision and will be asking (Row) to withhold the penalty till such time as the BCCI (Board for Control of Cricket in India) takes it up with the ICC," he said.

India, chasing a West Indies total of 257 for six, crawled through the last 10 overs in Kanpur on Monday with Manoj Prabhakar and Nayan Mongia adding only 32 runs. West Indies' 46-run victory put them into Saturday's Calcutta final.

Prabhakar and Mongia were dropped for India's last match of the round robin stage against New Zealand on Thursday.

The two-point penalty would not have affected India's appearance in the final regardless of the result against New Zealand.

In his letter to Wadekar, Row said: "I hereby find that India has not played completely in the best interests of the game."

"There is no question of any financial inducement being offered to any Indian player to avoid trying to win the match, and that there has been no pressure to assist the West Indies appear at Calcutta in the final."

"He said that in assessing the penalty against India he had taken into account the BCCI's action in suspending Prabhakar and Mongia for two matches 'Thereby making them suffer financially'."

Olympic hassle

NEW YORK, Nov 4: Greek immigrant Spiros Nakos has run afoul of the US Olympic Committee because his 10-table coffee shop is named the Olympic Restaurant, reports AFP.

Letters sent to the 44-year-old restaurateur warned him to discontinue using the name "Olympic" on his eatery, which opened in 1980 and was named in honour of Nakos' homeland.

"I only want to save the name," Nakos said. "Do you know what the Olympics mean to the Greeks? It goes back 5,000 years."

"But the key to the dispute only goes back as far as 1978. That is when a US federal law was passed giving the USOC sole control of the word Olympic and the five-ring symbol, which is also on the sign outside the restaurant."

"We don't seek to destroy businesses or individuals," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said.

About 40,000 US businesses using Olympic insignias and terminology received similar letters. The USOC raises millions of dollars by selling rights to the word and symbol to advertisers.

Allowing others to use the word "Olympic" or the rings symbol denies them money, even to a comparably small audience such as at this lower east side restaurant.

Nakos arrived in the United States 22 years ago with 30 dollars and today has a wife, three children and restaurant he scrimped and saved to open in 1980.



Deadly Pakistani pace duo of Waqar Younis (L) and Wasim Akram, who triggered off speculation of a schism in the Pakistan camp when they decided to pull out of the third and final Test against Australia minutes before the start of the play, share a joke with the newsmen during a press conference at the Gaddafi Stadium yesterday. The Pakistani pace pair brushed suggestion of difference in opinion with Salim Malik, the skipper. — AFP photo

Ws deny rift with Malik



LAHORE, Pakistan, Nov 4: Pakistan bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis on Friday denied a rift with skipper Salim Malik caused their dramatic withdrawal from the crucial third Test against Australia, reports AFP.

The feared pace duo informed the chairman of the Pakistan selection committee, Imtiaz Ahmed, of their unavailability just after the Australia and Pakistan captains went to spin the coin before the start of the Test on Tuesday.

Akram complained of sinus trouble and Younis reported a hamstring injury.

"I had come to play in the Test but after four overs in the morning during practice before the match I realised I was not fit and having problem with my sinus," Akram told a press conference.

He denied rumours that he

was at odds with the captain. "As far as I am concerned, there is no such thing. I am happy to play under Malik," he added.

Akram lost the captaincy in January following a revolt by ten team members prior to the New Zealand tour. But he still went and finished with 25 wickets in the series which Pakistan won 2-1.

Akram also shunned speculation that he and Waqar withdrew because they did not like the wicket.

"We played on similar sort of pitches in Sri Lanka only few months ago where we did well. We are here to play and if am not fit at least I cannot take chance of playing in a five-day match," he explained.

Waqar Younis, who joined press conference during the luncheon interval of the fourth day of the final Test, also denied he was upset with the leadership of the world champion side.

"I am happy with the captaincy of Malik. There is no problem," Younis said.

"I told the chairman of the selectors the night before that I had been suffering from a hamstring since the one day game in the triangular series at Faisalabad against South Africa."

Australia clinched the one-day series by beating Pakistan in the final, only two days before the start of the third Test. Pakistan leads the three-Test series 1-0.

Younis said he realised on the morning of the match he would not stand five days. "I had to opt out of the team."

Akram said he did not know that Waqar was also not fit for the Test. "I am going to London to see a specialist and may have a minor operation for the sinus."

He said he will be available for the forthcoming tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe "if fit."

McCague mauls S Australia



ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 4: Kent fast bowler Michael McCague, who learned his cricketing craft

in Australia, took five for 31 today as England dismissed South Australia for a paltry 102 on the opening day of their four-day match, report agencies.

McCague tore into the South Australian top order, grabbing two wickets in his opening over on his way to figures of five for 31 as England enjoyed their best day on tour to date.

In reply, England, led by Mike Gatting in the absence of Michael Atherton, who was rested, romped to a first innings lead, finishing a rain-interrupted day on 114 for two.

Opener Graham Gooch made 50 in just 58 balls, including seven fours, while number three Graeme Hick was unbeaten on 52 after smashing nine boundaries when rain/stopped play 80 minutes before the scheduled close at Adelaide Oval.

But, the day belonged to McCague, 25, who spent 12 months between 1989-90 learning his trade at the Australian Institute of Sport's Cricket Academy (AISC), based in Adelaide.

McCague, born in Larne, Northern Ireland, grew up in Australia before returning to Britain three years ago and pledging his Test future to England, causing consternation in his former homeland.

At one stage today, South Australia were reeling at 21 for six following McCague's devastating opening 11-over spell which yielded four wickets at a cost of just 16 runs.

"It was obviously a helpful pitch," McCague told reporters afterwards, adding, "My confidence is building all the time."

And in an irony surely not lost on AFCA manager Rod Marsh, the staunchly patriotic former Australia Test wicket-keeper, another past academy student, seam bowler Craig White chipped in with three wickets for England.

The Yorkshire paceman, a classmate of McCague's who also grew up in Australia before joining England's county circuit in 1990, took three for 13 to mop up the tail.

Sent in by Gatting, who was leading his country for the first time since 1988, the home side were facing the humiliating prospect of posting their lowest ever score against the tourists before captain Jamie Siddons rallied his team with a defiant 31.

Siddons added 57, with Peter McIntyre for the seventh wicket to edge the home side past the previous low of 77, set in 1903-04.

McCague, who hopes to share the new ball with Devon Malcolm in the five-Test Ashes series against Australia, made an immediate impact.

His first ball jagged away, found the shoulder of Paul Nobes' bat and was caught by Craig White at gully.