

## Sport

## Caribbeans on the spot



NAGPUR, India, Dec 2: Indian batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar slammed a career-best 179 on Friday to drive the West Indies against the wall in the second Test here Friday, reports AFP.

The 21-year-old's eighth Test century in 34 matches and his 202-run stand for the fifth wicket with skipper Mohammad Azharuddin (97) enabled India to pile up 546 for nine in their first innings.

Joining in the run-feast was the eighth-wicket pair of Anil Kumble and Nayan Mongia who put on a rapid-fire stand of 93 in 94 minutes to complete the tourists' misery on the field.

Mongia made 44 while Kumble remained unbeaten on a test-best score of 52 as Azharuddin declared the in-

at Madras two seasons ago.

Tendulkar, who came in at the wicket on Thursday with India reeling at 49 for two, batted eight minutes short of eight hours in a breathtaking display of attacking batsmanship.

Resuming at his overnight score of 61, the little maestro raced to his century in grand style — moving from 83 to 99 runs with a flurry of boundaries including three in succession against Benjamin.

Tendulkar then hooked West Indian skipper Courtney Walsh over the square leg fence for a huge six and celebrated the landmark by pumping his gloved fists in the air.

It was his first Test hundred against the West Indians in only his second match against them. Tendulkar slammed a match-winning 85

30 minutes before tea, diving to his right to hold a one-handed catch inches above the ground.

But Kumble, who made 42 runs in the Bombay Test, once again showed his batting skills by hitting four boundaries and two sixes off Hooper to take India near the 550-run mark.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second cricket Test between India and the West Indies here Friday:

**INDIA:** First innings (overnight 230-4)

Prabhakar c Williams b Hooper	19
Sidhu c Murray b Hooper	107
Kambli c Williams b Hooper	0
Tendulkar c Lara b Walsh	179
Reju c Adams b Walsh	2
Azharuddin c Simmons b Hooper	97

**WEST INDIES:** First innings

Manjrekar c Simmons b Hooper	0
Mongia c Hooper b Cummins	44
Kumble not out	52
Simmons c and b Chanderpaul	6
Chauhan not out	1
Extras (b-12, lb-9, nc-18)	39
Total (nine wickets) 546	

**Fall of wickets:** 1-48; 2-49;

3-226; 4-210; 5-432; 6-434;

7-444; 8-537; 9-543.

**Bowling** O M R W

Walsh	32	7	93	2
Lucas	26	4	120	0
Cummins	27	1	96	1
Hooper	40	8	116	5
Chanderpaul	26	1	63	1
Adams	2	37	0	

**WEST INDIES:** First innings

Simmons not out	1
Williams c Azharuddin b Chauhan	12
Simmons not out	0
Extras (b-2)	2
Total (one wicket) 15	

**Fall of wickets:** 1-15

**Bowling** O M R W

Prabhakar	2	1	5	0
Srinath	2	0	6	0
Chauhan	2	1	4	1
Raju	2	2	0	0

To bat: Lara, Hooper, Arthurton, Chanderpaul, Adams, Murray, Walsh (Capt.), Cummins, Benjamin.

Umpires: Nigel Plews (England) and V.K. Ramaswamy (India).

**TENDULKAR ... 179**

nings 40 minutes before stumps on the second day of the play.

The West Indians, who trail 1-0 in the three-Test series, replied with 15 for one wicket by Friday's close, needing to bat out a major part of the remaining three days to save the Test.

The batsman out was Stuart Williams for 12, caught at silly point by Azharuddin off Rajesh Chauhan in the day's penultimate over.

Phil Simmons, the other opener, made a solitary run after a 31-minute stay at the crease. Night watchman Andy Cummins was yet to open account.

Unlike the first day, when the West Indians twice walked off the field to protest at missiles being thrown at them, the second day's play passed without incident.

But there was no respite for the visitors from the rampaging bats of the home batsmen, who added 316 runs to the overnight score of 230 for four.

Tendulkar cracked 24 boundaries and a six while surpassing his previous best score of 165 against England

Azharuddin's wicket was the first of three to fall within the space of 12 runs as India slipped from a commanding position of 432 for four to 444 for seven.

Hooper also had Sanjay Manjrekar caught by Simmons at leg slip for two and returned the most successful bowler with figures of five for 116 from 40 overs.

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