

Sport



Kiwi wicketkeeper cum batsman Adam Parore (R) survives a close call as South African paceman Craig Matthews fumbles to collect the ball during their centenary series one-day in Christchurch yesterday...

Larsen, Vaughan restrict SA charge

Kiwis face Aussies in final

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb 24: Bowlers Justin Vaughan and Gavin Larsen spearheaded New Zealand to a comprehensive 46-run over South Africa on Friday...

New Zealand scored 249 for seven in their allocated 50 overs and then bowled out South Africa for 203 in 47 overs.

New Zealand now will play Australia in the final at Eden Park in Auckland on Sunday.

Medium pacers Vaughan and Larsen took three wickets apiece to break the backbone of the South African reply.

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New Zealand managed to post a competitive total thanks to some lusty late hitting which yielded 54 runs in the last five overs.

Allrounder Chris Cairns and Adam Parore swung the bat effectively after Mark Greatbatch



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Greatbatch's previous two innings against India and Australia produced 32 and 74 runs.

Man-of-the-match Greatbatch was at his belligerent best — smashing two sixes and seven boundaries.

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After South Africa had taken the wickets of Thomson and Vaughan in successive overs, all-rounder Cairns hit 33 runs

and Rutherford had induced life to the innings during a 98-run second-wicket stand.

The big-hitting Greatbatch hit his second half-century in as many matches — scoring 76 runs after Cronje had won the toss and sent the home team to bat first.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in New Zealand centenary series one-day international between New Zealand and South Africa today.

Bowling table for New Zealand vs South Africa.

SOUTH AFRICA:

South Africa player statistics.

Bowling table for South Africa vs New Zealand.

Result: New Zealand won by 46 runs.

Budd resolute

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 24: Former South African world cross-country champion Zola Budd is pregnant but still wants to run in the World Championships next month in Durham, England...

Budd said that until she finds out whether she will run the race next month, she will continue running local road and track races.

Budd took British citizenship in 1984 to skirt an anti-apartheid international ban on South African athletes...

Kiptanui aims to break 3,000m again

LONDON, Feb 24: Moses Kiptanui attacks his own world 3,000 metres indoor record on Saturday less than two weeks after he reduced his previous mark by 2.1 seconds...

The world steeplechase champion takes on Burundi's Venuste Niyongabo, one of the most talented young middle distance runners in the world...

Irishman Paul Donovan has been designated as the pacemaker for the first two kilometres.

Kiptanui, 23, lowered the mark to seven minutes 35.15 seconds in Ghent, Belgium, on February 12.

He plans further assaults on the record in Birmingham on Saturday and in Stockholm two days later.

Then, although the international Amateur Athletic Federation has announced he will be running at the Barcelona World Indoor Championships next month, Kiptanui returns home to the Rift Valley.

"We don't take much interest in indoors in Kenya, so you don't bother with it," he said.

Olympic and world 100 metres champion Linford Christie, who broke the world indoor 200 metres record in Liverpool, this month has pulled out of Saturday's 200 because a back injury, Christie will still, however, compete in the 60 metres where he has clocked the year's fastest time of 6.47.

AIDS, anguish & Louganis

NEW YORK, Feb 24: While his teammates worried about hitting their dives and winning medals, Greg Louganis anguished like no other athlete at the Seoul Olympics...

Louganis was infected with the AIDS virus, and he wondered if his secret would eventually come out. He dreaded the prospect of drug test and customs inspections at airports...

His doubts and rage reached a crescendo when he cracked his head on the board diving preliminaries, opening a wound in his scalp.

"I was underwater before I realized I'd hit my head," he recalls. "Once I did, the first emotion I felt was embarrassment. As I swam toward the side of the pool, I thought: What if I'm bleeding? Is there blood in the pool?"

AIDS experts and medical sources say it is virtually impossible for someone to contract the AIDS virus through blood in a pool.

Louganis, the greatest diver in history, is 35 now and in stable condition. He says he is more afraid of getting sick than dying.

"The pain, discomfort, deterioration," he says. "That scares me more than anything."

His revelations come in excerpts from his book, "Breaking The Surface," published in People magazine and Out magazine. He begins a 13-city book tour next week.

His coach, Ron O'Brien, knew of his health. And when O'Brien saw a trickle of blood coming down Louganis' neck,

he pushed it under his hairline. Puffer stitched the wound. "My thoughts were racing," Louganis writes. "Could I have infected Ron? Then I worried about Dr. Puffer, who wasn't wearing gloves. I was paralyzed. All I could do was cry."

"Otherwise, he might not have been able to go to the next round," he said. "The risk, while there, was minimal."

About a year ago, Louganis advised Puffer of his illness. Puffer had himself tested and was found HIV negative.

"The fact is that he was under no obligation to disclose his condition," IOC director general Francois Carrard said. "And secondly, from all the medical evidence available,

Louganis' disclosure. "It's clear it's a plague that can come into anyone's house, and the Olympic movement is no exception," said Anita DeFrantz, who represents the United States with the IOC.

— He had relationships with two men who later were diagnosed with the AIDS virus, one dying in 1990. Louganis said one of the men threatened him with a knife and raped him after learning Louganis had been sexually involved with others.

— His adoptive, alcoholic father struck him with a belt when he refused to perform a dive at age 9 off a non-regulation board.

Louganis retired after the Seoul Games, the only man to sweep both springboard and platform dives in consecutive



This February 14 photo provided by the ABC television network shows interviewer Barbara Walters (R) with American diver Greg Louganis. Double Olympic champion Louganis revealed he has AIDS.

There was not the slightest hint of any contamination. Park Se-h-Jik, organizer of the Seoul Games, says Louganis should feel "some degree of moral responsibility."

Haarhuis stuns Sampras

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 24: Pete Sampras, his hold on the No. 1 ranking growing less secure, lost 6-4, 6-4 Thursday night to Paul Haarhuis in the second round of the US indoor tournament...

Sampras, a two-time champion in this event and the top seed, was beaten in 1 hour, 14 minutes, never able to find his rhythm. He complained of flu-like symptoms Wednesday but made no excuses.

Earlier, an agitated Jonathan Stark pulled off a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 upset of No. 5 Patrick Rafter. An Australian ranked 20th in the world, backhanded a 110 mph (177 kph) serve long to lose match point.

didn't give up a break or double fault against Grabb.

Both players held serve until Chang broke Grabb in the 11th game of the final set. Serving at 40-0, he won when Grabb backhanded a second serve weakly into the net.

Also advancing was Richey Reneberg, a 7-5, 7-5 winner over ambidextrous doubles specialist Luke Jensen. Jensen, ranked No. 426, has won only two singles matches this decade.

King made US Federation Cup captain

NEW YORK, Feb 24: Billie Jean King has been chosen captain of the US Federation Cup team and announced her intention of getting Martina Navratilova to play as one of her first jobs...

"I would definitely consider her," King said Thursday of the 38-year-old Navratilova, who quit competitive tennis at the end of 1994. "You have to look at her experience... There's no question she is still up there in the top five in doubles."

In a tele-conference call from her Chicago office, King said she would attempt to talk with Navratilova this weekend. King helped coach Navratilova for the final years of her career, which featured 18 Grand Slam singles titles and 31 in doubles.

King said she also plans to talk with Gigi Fernandez, Mary Joe Fernandez, Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil in preparation of putting together a pool of six to 12 players, who will be available to play throughout the year. This squad will be announced Thursday.

From this group will be picked the four players for the opening round match against Austria April 22-23 at Miami. "I want to include everybody, youngsters and up," said the 52-year-old King, who replaced Marty Riessen.

Though the US has won the Cup a record 14 times, it has not won since 1990. The Americans reached the final last year, losing to Spain 3-0.

King, who was a member of seven championship teams including the 1963 squad in the competition's first year, pledged an all-out commitment to winning again.

"I like to win, I hate to lose," said King, who shares with Rosie Casals the US Federation Cup record for most doubles wins with 27 and is second behind Chris Evert in total singles and doubles wins with 52.

"I'm fanatical the way I coach that you should never underestimate your opponent and never take anything for granted, no matter who you play."

This year marks a new format for the annual competition. Instead of 32 nations playing in a one-week elimination tournament at one venue, there will be eight nations in the World Group, playing home or away matches, like the men's Davis Cup, throughout the year.

The semifinals are July 22-23 and the final Nov 25-26.

Sampras top seed at Monte Carlo Open

MONTE CARLO, Feb 24: World number one Pete Sampras is to top the bill at the Monte Carlo Open from April 22-30 but fellow-American Andre Agassi will not take part...

In Agassi's absence, German Boris Becker, the world number three, will be seeded second in the 1.795 million dollar event ahead of twice French Open champion Sergi Bruguera of Spain.

The Monte Carlo tournament is one of the final preparations for the French Open.

Becker, Kafelnikov in qtrs

STUTT GART, Feb 24: After Aaron Krickstein's performance at the Australian Open last month, Boris Becker thought he could run into a few problems against the American.

He didn't Becker, the top seed, cruised past Krickstein 6-3, 6-3 Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the \$2.25-million Eurocard Open, reports AP.

While Becker lost in the first round of the first Grand Slam event of the year last month in Melbourne, Krickstein went all the way to the semifinals.

But Becker is a different player on an indoor carpet surface. He's now 14-1 since he moved indoors just over two weeks ago.

He gained his 43rd career title in Marseille and then reached final in Milan, where he was beaten by Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the rising Russian star who is Becker's quarter-



South Korean goalie Seo Dong Myung grabs the ball as teammate Lee Ki Hyung (C) fends off Au Wai Lun (L) from a corner kick during their Dynasty Cup encounter in Hong Kong on Feb 23. Koreans won 3-2 to reach the final with Japan.

Japan, S Korea in Dynasty Cup final

HONG KONG, Feb 24: Defending champions Japan will face South Korea in the Dynasty Cup final after both scored narrow victories in their final group matches on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Japan defeated China 2-1 and South Korea beat hosts Hong Kong 3-2 with a late winner in the four-nation tournament.

Japan, rebuilding their national squad after failing to reach last year's World Cup finals, led 2-0 at half-time through goals from Toshiya Fujita after 16 minutes and Hisashi Kurosaki six minutes later, his fourth of the tournament.

Gao Feng pulled one back in the 55th minute, but the young Chinese side could not break down the well-drilled Japanese defence again.

South Korea, fielding the nucleus of their under-23 Olympic side bolstered by a few players with World Cup experience, made hard work of beating Hong Kong with captain Choi Yong-su scoring the winner two minutes from time.

Lee Ki-Hyung had put them ahead after 15 minutes, with Ross Greer equalising for Hong Kong five minutes later. Ko Jeong-Woon restored South Korea's lead after 39 minutes. But Hong Kong again pulled back to level terms this time through Tim Bredbury in the 64th minute.

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