

Sport

SA shush
England

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 13: South Africa beat England by three wickets to win the third one-day international at the Wanderers here today, reports AFP.

South Africa are now leading the seven-match series 2-1.

SCORES: England 198-8; South Africa 199-7.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the third one-day international between South Africa and England at the Wanderers today:

	O	M	R	W
DeFreitas c Donald b Pollock	13			
Atherton c McMillan b Pollock	0			
Smith lbw b Pollock	9			
Hick b Donald	14			
Ramprakash c Richardson b Cronje	27			
Fairbrother not out	57			
White c Cronje b McMillan	34			
Reeve c Richardson b Donald	10			
Russell c Cronje b Snell	8			
Extras (lb-7, w-7, nb-2)	16			
Total (for eight wickets-50 overs)	198			
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-23; 3-25; 4-53; 5-88; 6-139; 7-168; 8-198.				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	2	31	3
Matthews	8	0	34	0
Donald	10	0	53	2
McMillan	10	0	27	1
Snell	6	1	29	1
Cronje	6	0	17	1
(Incomplete)				

Bosman brings bosses into discussion

ZURICH, Jan 13: The Jean-Marc Bosman legal case, which threatens to dismantle the player transfer system in Europe, left FIFA at a loss for words, reports Reuter.

FIFA issued a statement on Friday to announce it would be holding talks on the case with UEFA officials on Monday — but nobody would be told what was decided.

"No details of these deliberations will be announced after the meeting," the statement said. "There will be no press conference and none of the participants will be available for interviews."

The statement was headed "media information" and signed by FIFA's communications division.

Arantxa fit as a fiddle

MELOBOURNE, Jan 13: A series of practice matches against her brothers Emilio and Javier has left Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in a confident mood heading into next week's Australian Open tennis championships, reports AP.

"It is good preparation because they hit the ball harder and with a lot of spin. It helps you to play with the men," said the 24-year-old Spaniard.

Sanchez-Vicario has been the beaten finalist at the last two Australian Opens, losing to Steffi Graf in 1994 and to Mary Pierce last year.

The two-time French Open champion, who also won the US Open in 1994, believes she is better prepared for the Australian championship than ever before.

She said she will adopt a match-by-match approach and has not looked past her first-round match against Austrian Beate Reinstadler.

"The only seen who I am playing in the first round. I don't even know who is in my part of the draw or who is the top or bottom (half of the draw), Sanchez-Vicario said.

"I've always been looking one at a time since I've been professional, and it's something that has worked well for me."

Sanchez-Vicario first played Reinstadler, who finished 1995 with a world ranking of 66, in 1993 on clay and also in the third round of the French Open last year. She won in straight sets both times.

"I've played her a couple of times and she hits the ball pretty hard, but I feel confident and I am particularly ready for the conditions," she said.

Sanchez-Vicario, currently ranked third, said her main ambition in 1996 is to regain the coveted No 1 ranking that she briefly held three times last year.

"It's something that is on my mind and I'm going to see if I can get it again. It's definitely something I am going to work on," she said.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Premier Division cricket league:

Bangladesh Biman vs Agrani Bank SC (DCS) Victoria SC vs Gulshan Youth Club (DS)

Yamaha First Division cricket league:

Surjo Tarun Club vs Gopibagh FA (CCG)

Acme Second Division cricket league:

Evergreen SC vs Young Pegasus B (MOS) Utdi Club vs Rupali Bank (DCS)

Mirpur NKC vs Lankashire CC (DCG)

Sonali Bank Second Division football league:

(Venue: Mirpur Stadium) Jurain Janata vs Little Friends Club (2pm)

Laibagh SC vs BRTC (3.30 pm)

BG Press vs Ganderia Fa- mous (5 pm)

Protogi Insurance Third Division football league:

(Venue: Rajuk ground) BG Press vs Chalantika KC (2 pm)

Fire Service vs Mutuali US (3.30 pm)

Africa's war kicked off



JOHANNESBURG, Jan 13: President Nelson Mandela welcomed the soccer world to South Africa on Saturday, opening the 20th African Cup of Nations in a lavish ceremony of colour and song, reports AP.

A singing, chanting crowd of 80,000 packed the FNB Stadium near the Soweto black township as South Africa and Cameroon prepared to kick off the tournament, the first held in southern Africa.

Joined by FIFA president Joao Havelange and other world soccer dignitaries, Mandela said the tournament embraced "our brothers and sisters across the continent."

It began with only 15 of the 16 qualifying sides as defending champion Nigeria boycotted due to a political dispute with South Africa, which has called for international sanctions against military leader Gen. Sani Abacha's regime for human rights abuses.

Nigeria faces a likely suspension by the Confederation of African Football and FIFA, the sport's governing body worldwide, including being banned from the 1998 World Cup. The "Super Eagles" reached the second round of the 1994 World Cup and are

one of Africa's strongest sides.

More than three hours before the kick off, jubilant fans danced and sang in celebration of South Africa's first appearance in a major international soccer tournament since it was welcomed back into the CAF and FIFA in 1992 after being banned for three decades because of apartheid.

Few seemed concerned about the Nigerian boycott, saying the tournament would still determine the African champion.

"It doesn't matter," said Marcus Palle, 30, wearing an umbrella hat in the colours of the South African flag. "We Africans believe in one thing. Humanity comes first. To deprive a person of their rights is not good."

"Whoever wins is the champion. That nation represents the continent of Africa."

A sprinkling of white faces dotted the predominantly black crowd, showing some of the broad support called for by Mandela and South African soccer officials for a sport that has long been the passion of the nation's black majority.

Organisers hoped for

strong support from whites, similar to the way blacks supported the Rugby World Cup in South Africa last year even though rugby was tradi-

Brothers win in style

Sports Reporter

ESKATAN SS: 218/9 (Parvez 92, Jasimuddin 35, Saeed Ali 32)

BROTHERS UNION: 219/5 in 38.4 overs Bidyut 77, Halim Shah 57

Title-aspirants Brothers Union recorded their fifth win in the Premier Division cricket league this season when they routed Eskatan Sabu Sangha by five wickets in the eastern side of the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a reasonable Eskatan total of 218 for nine from the allotted 50 overs, the Gopibagh outfit made a complete mockery of their task, scoring 219 for five with more than eleven overs to spare.

Profile young opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut continued his brilliant form in the season hitting a sparkling 77. Bidyut, a member of the national under-19 team and a strong contender for the full national eleven, hit seven boundaries and one over-boundary in his 76 ball stay. The knock again disproved some critics who claim the promising right-hander's batting to be too slow.

Middle-order Halim Shah, who came to the wicket at Bidyut's dismissal, carried on from where his younger colleague left making an entertaining 58-ball 57, inclusive of seven hits to the fence.

Earlier, Eskatan made a seemingly defendable 218 for 9 in 50 overs with opener Parvez Ahmed making a solid 92. Parvez clubbed eleven boundaries in his 122-ball stay.

Iqbal Hossain, Aamir Hanif and Sanwar Hossain took two wickets each.

The victory put Brothers into joint second position along with Mohammmedan Sporting Club and Kalabagan KC. Each team has collected ten points from six games. Abahani Krira Chakra leads the table.

Yamaha Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

BANGLADESH RAILWAY: 159 for nine in 45 overs (Santosh 56, Masum 39, Ratan 3/35)

SADHARAN BIMA KS: 160 for four in 40.2 overs (Sheezaan 48, Neaz 47)

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangha recorded their third Yamaha First Division cricket league victory on Saturday when they handed a six-wicket defeat to Bangladesh Railway at the City Club ground, Mirpur.

Aided by a 106-run second-wicket partnership between opener Sheezaan (48) and one down Neaz Hossain (47), the insurance outfit, chasing 160 to win in 45 overs, reached their winning mark in 40.2 overs with six wickets in hand.

Earlier, put in to bat, Railway cricketers scored 159 for nine in their stipulated 45 overs.

Opener Santosh Sutradhar scored the highest 56 off 110 balls while Masum added a quickfire 39 off 33 deliveries to Railway account.

Biman's Ratan grabbed three wickets conceding 35 runs in nine overs.

Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

ZAFAR: 156 for 8 in 40 overs (Shafiq 50, Partha 2/19)

SHAFIQ: 156 for 8 in 40 overs (Shafiq 62 not out, Parvez 41, Zahid 33, Ripon 4/37, Yousef 3/32)

Result: ZAFAR SC won by five wickets.

UTTARA: 136 in 32.1 overs (Shafiq 22, Raja 22, Anwar 3/31)

SHAFIQ: 182 for five in 38.3 overs (Shafiq 34 not out, Rabul 33, Rakan 30)

Result: SHAFIQ SC won by 46 runs.

LALBAGH: 136 in 32.1 overs (Shafiq 22, Raja 22, Anwar 3/31)

SHAFIQ: 182 for five in 38.3 overs (Shafiq 34 not out, Rabul 33, Rakan 30)

Result: SHAFIQ SC won by 46 runs.

RAINBOW: 204 in 38.2 overs (Shafiq 62 not out, Parvez 41, Zahid 33, Ripon 4/37, Yousef 3/32)

Result: Lalbagh USC won by 2 runs.

SPREAD EAGLES: 179 for eight in 40 overs (Nayan 71, Tutul 26, Tipu 2/19)

SHAFIQ: 182 for five in 38.3 overs (Shafiq 34 not out, Rabul 33, Rakan 30)

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SPREAD EAGLES: 179 for eight in 40 overs (Nayan 71, Tutul 26, Tipu 2/19)

SHAFIQ: 182 for five in 38.3 overs (Shafiq 34 not out, Rabul 33, Rakan 30)

Result: SHAFIQ SC won by 5 runs.

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SPREAD EAGLES: 179 for eight in 40 overs (Nayan 71, Tutul 26, Tipu 2/19)

SHAFIQ: 182 for five in 38.3 overs (Shafiq 34 not out, Rabul 33, Rakan 30)

Result: SHAFIQ SC won by 5 runs.

UTTARA: 136 in 32.1 overs (Shafiq 22, Raja 22, Anwar 3/31)

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