

## Sport

Ind-Hants  
match  
washed out

SOUTHAMPTON, England, July 1: India were frustrated in their bid to gain some practice before the final Test with England when rain washed out the last day of their match with Hampshire on Monday, reports AFP.

Hampshire, resuming at 383 for nine in response to India's total of 362 for five made on the first day, added 75 runs with last pair Martin Thursfield and Stuart Milburn batting until lunch in a rain-interrupted morning.

Milburn took the opportunity to record the first half century of his career and was 54 not out when the match was declared a draw.

Milburn, whose previous best was a modest 22, hit two sixes off Sachin Tendulkar and Anil Kumble and also struck six fours.

Thursfield was unbeaten with 37 and the last pair had put on 91 when the rain came.

At this stage Hampshire were 96 ahead but any prospects of a positive result were washed out by the downpour which left pools of water on the pitch and the outfield.

Earlier, Hampshire's Kevan James, who took four wickets from four balls against India on Saturday, made history on Sunday by hitting a century in the same match.

The 35-year-old all-rounder became the first player to take four consecutive wickets and chalk up a hundred in a single first-class game.

James, who began the second day of the three-day match at Southampton on two, hit three sixes and 10 fours during his three-and-a-half hours at the crease. He was finally caught at long-on for 103.

James shared a third-wicket stand of 175 with opening batsmen Jason Lane as Hampshire batted throughout the day to reach 383 for nine a first innings lead of 21.

Lane fell for 100, caught at leg-slip off the spin of Narendra Hirwani, who had been tipped for a call-up to the Test team to face England at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

But Hirwani failed to impress, taking just one wicket as India again struggled against county opposition.

Medium pacer Sall Ankola was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with four for 107 from 25 overs.

DeFreitas makes  
Derby's day

LONDON, July 1: Former England all-rounder Phil DeFreitas sent Northamptonshire to their second successive defeat in the Sunday League, smashing 61 not out from just 33 balls for Derbyshire at Northampton, reports Reuter.

At 146 for six with the overs running out the visitors had looked to be heading for a meagre total.

But DeFreitas and England fast bowler Dominic Cork (17 not out) plundered 74 runs from the last five overs of the innings — including 24 off the 37th over — to give the visitors a healthy final total of 222 for six.

DeFreitas hit three sixes and five fours and then took three for 38 on a rapidly deteriorating pitch as the hosts crumbled to 132 all out in reply.

Defeat means Northamptonshire slip from the top to be replaced by Middlesex, who enjoyed a comfortable 57-run win at Lord's over county champions Warwickshire.

Paul Weekes and ex-England batsman Mark Ramprakash set Middlesex on their way with a century first-wicket stand, and former England captain Mike Gatting and Jason Pooley added 94 for the third wicket as the home side cruised to 241.

Warwickshire batted poorly in reply and were all out for 184. Things were closer at Old Trafford where a dramatic final over ended with Somerset beating Lancashire by one run.

Somerset batted first and hit a modest 175-7, but Lancashire faltered and needed 21 to win from the final over.

They cracked 18 from Australian Shane Lee's first five deliveries but Gary Yates failed to connect with the final ball and although he ran a bye it was not enough.

At Southend, fourth-placed Surrey failed to take advantage of Northamptonshire's loss as Stuart Law hit his second century for Essex in the space of 24 hours.

The 27-year-old Australian followed up his 125 in a championship match with 110 to help his side to a 27-run triumph.

At the bottom, Durham looked as if they were cruising to their first win of the season against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham-le-Street. Durham were at 81 for one in reply to Gloucestershire's 180 for seven, but slumped to 176 for eight to lose by four runs.

'98 Asian Games  
from Dec 6

BANGKOK, July 1: The 1998 Asian Games will open on December 6 and close on December 20, organising officials said on Monday, reports Reuter.

Deputy prime minister Somboon Rahong, chairman of the Asian Games Organising Committee, told reporters 90 per cent of the facilities were now complete and a city expressway linking two main sports venues would be ready on time.

## Pakistanis turn up heat



PONTYPRIDD, Wales, July 1: Saeed Anwar and Inzamam-ul-Haq set a new batting record for Pakistan on Sunday, sharing an unbroken 362-run stand for the third wicket against Glamorgan in an experienced bowing attack, report agencies.

The attacking partnership surpassed the 319-run opening stand put together by Madsar Nazar and Mohsin Khan against Sussex in 1982.

It was also the highest-ever recorded for the third wicket against Glamorgan.

Saeed was unbeaten on 219 when Pakistan captain Wasim Akram declared with his team's total on 461 for two, scored in exactly 98 overs, for a lead of 157.

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