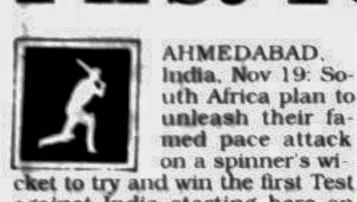
# First Test begins today



uth Africa plan to unleash their famed pace attack on a spinner's wiagainst India starting here on

Wednesday, reports AFP. The Indians have won 12 of the last 16 home Tests on dry wickets tailor-made for their traditional strength in spin bowling, but the South Africans are not falling for the

The tourists, seeking revenge



final of the Titan one-day series earlier this month, are confident their pace battery led by Allan Donald can be equally

"Pace bowlers have won Test top computer shows that India's Benjamin, at Mohali in 1994. The South African pace

devastating. matches in India in the past, so there's no reason why we can't do it." South African coach Bob Woolmer said ahead of his team's first-ever Test on Indian soil. Woolmer's trademark laplast test defeat at home was fashioned by the West Indian fast bowlers, led by skipper Courtney Walsh and Kenny

for the stunning defeat in the

bowlers proved the point by hammad Azharudin and Tencapturing 37 of the 40 wickets dulkar himself following in the during their two warm-up order, the Indians have the opgames preceding the Test, won tion of playing either an addicomfortably by 244 runs and 10 tional batsman or a sixth wickets. bowler While the Indians will take

the field with three spinners on a barren wicket that skipper Sachin Tendulkar predicts will crack by the second day, the South Africans may go in with three fast bowlers.

Donald, the pace spearhead with 114 wickets from 25 Tests. seamer Fanie de Villiers and all-rounder Brian McMillan are the leading contenders to share the new ball.

The South Africans can also choose from rookie seamer Lance Klusener and spinners Paul Adams and Pat Symcox to complete a formidable fiveman attack.

"We have the right balance to tackle any situation," skipper Hansie Cronje warned. "The batsmen may be short of runs. but I am not worried about the bowling."

Tendulkar, buoyed by the seven-wicket victory over Australia last month in his first Test as captain and the defeat of South Africa in the Titan triangular one-day final, was opti-

mistic. "It's not going to be easy, but I am confident we can win," the 24-year-old said. "The conditions favour us, it'll be stupid not to make use of the advantage of playing at home.

The Indians have played only one-day cricket for a month, but Tendulkar was not worried about his team's lack of practice in the longer version of the game.

"The boys needed a rest after the hectic one-day schedule." he said. "We have had two weeks to recover and that's a lot. All of us are very keen to begin the action again.

Wicket keeper Nayan Mongia who made 152 against Australia, will once again open the batting — but with a new partner in Sanjay Manjrekar, who replaces the out-of-form Vikram Rathore.

With Rahul Dravid, Mo-

NEW YORK, Nov 19: Gabriela

Sabatini waved goodbye one final time on Monday when the tennis star was honoured between matches on the opening night of the season-ending Chase Championships, reports Reuter

Sabatini, 26, announced her retirement last month after a 12-year pro career in which she won 27 singles titles and more than 8 million dollars in prize money.

The glamorous dark-haired Argentine, wearing a black sleeveless cocktail dress, was presented with a bouquet of roses from her long-time rivals Steffi Graf and Monica Seles and was remembered with a video tribute in the half-hour on-court ceremony at Madison Square Garden.

"We'll miss you," Graf told Sabatini as she gave the Argentine a bouquet of roses.

Among the other gifts received by Sabatini were a box of her favourite chocolates, borne by Monica Seles, and a painting of her done by Leroy Niemann.

"This is a lot harder than being here and playing tennis." Sabatini said of missing the championships for the first time in her career.

Sabatini saluted the fans and the city where she had scored the biggest wins of her career at the 1990 US Open and the 1994 and '88 season-ending championships.

What a better place to do it than here at Madison Square Garden," Sabatini told the sparse crowd.

Sabatini is ranked 56 in the world, having fallen out of the world's top 10 for the first time since 1985 as she struggled with a stomach injury. She was sidelined for about three months. missing the French Open and Wimbledon before returning at the Olympics.

Sabatini played her last match at the European indoor championships in Zurich on October 15, losing to Jennifer Capriati 6-3, 6-4 in the first

Sabatini plans to concentrate on a new perfume that will bear her name and a line of signature bed and bathroom linens and towels.

Gabbi's final farewell Smart start for Hingis 19: Swiss teen sensation Martina Hingis made a smashing debut at the season-ending Chase Championships by wal-

It didn't take long for Iva Majoli to pull off the first surprise of the Championships. The Croatian right-hander eliminated sixth-seeded Anke

Huber of Germany 7-5, 6-3 in the opening match of the tourloping Irina Spirlea 6-1, 6-2 nament.



Steffi Graf of Germany (L) and American Monica Seles waiting with some gifts at Madison Square Garden on Nov 18. The two gave the presentations to Argentine Gabriela Sabatini during her farewell ceremony.

- AFP/UNB photo say Davenport made sure she

Since reaching the US Open semifinals two months ago, the 16-year-old Hingis has climbed from 16th to fifth in the world by winning two tournaments. She reached the final at another and the semifinals at a fourth.

Hingis, who handed Monica Seles a 6-2, 6-0 beating eight days ago in the Oakland final. was not pressed by her overmatched Romanian foe who made 25 unforced errors in the 41-minute match at Madison Square Garden.

"For my first time here, it was not a bad experience. Hingis said

Hingis won the opening five games of the match, giving up seven points on the way. Spirlea never had a break point opportunity

"I liked the way I played today. To win 6-1, 6-2 there are not so many things to improve on anymore." said Hingis. whose seeding of seventh at this tournament is based on last week's rankings. "I didn't make any mistakes today."

was in the quarterfinals. The No 8 seed took 50 minutes to eliminate Barbara Paulus of Australia 6-3, 6-2. Davenport pounded out 25

winners, all but three from the baseline as she kept Paulus on the run from sideline to side-

The two held serve through the first six games of the match before Davenport broke Paulus in the eighth game midway through a three-game stretch to close out the set. Paulus held to begin the second, then held again in the fifth game as Davenport advance to a quarterfinal meeting against the winner of Graf's first-round match against Slovakia's Karina Habasudova.

It was only the second time the two had met, and Davenport also won their first meeting, on clay in Strasbourg. France, earlier this year, also in straight

A year ago. Huber forced Graf to five sets in the final of this

# Napoli find a new hero



believe their new hero Alfredo Agaliatti could be about to

revive the glory days. Napoli have won nothing

since Maradona guided them to the UEFA Cup in 1989 and the Italian league title in 1990. But in the past few weeks, an

depths of the Second Division has propelled Napoli back towards the top of the Serie A and within sight of the Italian Cup semifinals.

around the stadium by the Napoli faithful on Sunday as he scored twice and made another in their 4 2 demolition of Peru-

his fifth goal in four matches for the club, and came just days after he scored in their Italian cup quarterfinal, first leg against Lazio

and before that scored in a 3-2 win over Bologna.

calm," Aglietti said, "And be the person I've always been. I've got to remember that for a striker. things can change from one day

people believe in us now.

"It's treat to see our position new in the table, and to know that we've got two fixtures which are really within our reach, against Cagliari and Ata-

Currently fifth. Napoli could find themselves in the top three well before Christmas if Aglietti keeps up his scoring run.

a position where I'm left unmarked." he said. "I know how

major failing in a goalscorer. them was a header."

managed it this season either. but coach Luigi Simoni is not complaining.

"He doesn't just score goals, he creates them for other people as well." Simoni said. "He's a true professional.

And he warned their rivals: "Today, Napoli are not just get-

## Hill blows his top

second time since early this

century that women had played

five sets. This time, she was out

of the tournament after only

in losing her opening service

game of the match and falling

behind 2-0. It was indicative of

the kind of night she would

have, a flurry of errors and

double-faults wrapped around a

honed on the courts of Florida.

was much more consistent in

her baseline game. She found

the corners and sidelines where

Huber found mistakes. And she

used her speed to reach the ball

whenever Huber would try to

tive year Majoli has qualified

for this tournament, but the

first time she's been able to ad-

vance to the quarterfinals. It

After capturing the opening set, Majoli reached out to a 5-1

lead in the second. She lost her

serve in the seventh game be-

fore Huber held from deuce to

vousness she may have had -

with help from Huber's scat-

tered groundstrokes - when she

held from deuce in the eighth

game, the final point coming on

a rifle-shot of a backhand sent

down the line that caught Huber

her opponent to be decided. She

will play the winner of Wednes-

day's match between fourth-

Judith Wiesner of Austria.

Garden without a problem.

seeded Conchita Martinez and

her to quit midway through

Sunday's final in Philadelphia.

practiced earlier Monday at the

utes today and continues to get

better," tournament spokesper-

son Jim Fuhse said of the reign-

ing French. Wimbledon and US

Open champion. "Hopefully she

will be totally ready for tomor-

is the second-seeded Seles

against Japan's Kimiko Date.

who is retiring after this tour-

Also scheduled for Tuesday

row's match.

"She hit for about 20 min-

Graf, whose bad back forced

Majoli now must wait for

in a view-only mode.

Majoli shook off any ner-

This was the third consecu-

catch her with a drop shot.

wasn't really that easy.

pull to 5-3.

Majoli, whose game was

Huber double-faulted twice

one hour, 19 minutes.

rare winner.

KARACHI, Nov 19: World Number Nine Anthony Hill of Australia was ousted in a bad tampered second round match. the worst on the squash courts for years, in the World Open squash championship here Tuesday, reports AFP.

World Number 16 Zubair Jahan Khan accounted for the removal of Hill but not before he was hit on the chest in the fifth and final game and received medical attention outside the court after falling down on the floor.

Zubair won the temperas ment-enduring match 15-8, 10-15, 15-4, 13-15, 15-12 in 68 minutes. Zubair had caused the first upset on Monday when he eliminated world Number Eight Mark Chaloner of England.

Hill lost in the semifinal of the World Open against Jansher Khan last year and was banned for three months for his antics after that — he was given a con-

duct warning in the first game. The Australian walked off the court in the third and the fifth game.

Referee Munir Shah of Singapore could not control the players despite several offences.

The match went to full distance just because of the referee ... because he got influenced by the antics of Hill. He is the most notorious player on the squash circuit and when he hit me with his racket in the fifth game the referee gave the point against me," said an angry Zubair in his post match comments.

Hill refused comments and had arguments with the tournament director (TD) Hasan Musa. The TD retorted, "I can throw you out from here.'

Right from the outset, Hill appeared to be deliberately looking for lets, but Zubair kept his cool, winning it 15-8. After the conduct warning to Hill, with Zubair leading 11-8, the Australian player did not go for his shots and gave away four points. Hill won the second game 15-

10 but was outplayed by Zubair in the third which was won by his opponent 15-4. Hill went out of the court on a point given against him but came back on referee's call.

### Kiwis minus Morrison SAHIWAL, Pakiswho has played four Tests. The



tan, Nov 19: New Zealand Test hopes suffered a blow on Monday when their main strike bowler Danny Morrison pulled out of the Pakistan tour because of a groin problem, reports Reuter Morrison had bowled just

eight overs on the second day of the touring side's three-day game against a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) XI on Monday. The 30-year-old Auckland

paceman, who has played 47 Tests, had suffered the groin injury last week in Sharjah where he had to miss the Singer Trophy final against Pakistan. He complained about pain during his delivery stride and after the team's physio had ex-

to risk the player in the two Test series against Pakistan." a team spokesman said. Morrison will be flying home in a couple of days to re-

cover for the Test series against England in the new year. He has been replaced by Otago paceman Robert Kennedy, 24-year old bowler is expected to join his colleagues by the

The tourists ended the second day at 34 for one in their second innings after the local side had gained a lead of 22

modest total of 171, the PCB XI



DANNY MORRISON

### began at 32 for two and declared the innings closed at tea with the total at 193 for seven. Skipper Aqib Javed made a

lusty unbeaten 23 with five fours in 38 balls, taking the score past New Zealand's total before returning to remove opener Craig Spearman in his second over.

Injuries to the experienced

Navjot Sidhu and left-hander

Saurav Ganguly mean either

Hyderabad's stylish Venkat

Laxman or Punjab's Pankai

Dharmani will make their de-

but if the Indians opt for an-

TEAMS

(cap). Sanjay Manjrekar,

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Dave Richardson, Lance Klu-

sener, Allan Donald, Fanie de

Villiers, Pat Symcox, Paul

Adams , Derek Crookes, Niky

(England) and SK Bansal

Umpires: George Sharp

Boje, Herschelle Gibbs.

SOUTH AFRICA: Hansie

Dharmani, David Johnson.

INDIA: Sachin Tendulkar

other batsman.

At the close the two not out batsmen were just in Vaughan on 20 and Bryan Young 12. Middle-order Batsman Mahmood Hamid was the top scorer for the PCB XI. making

fine 39 from 82 balls with a six and four fours. Opener Zahoor Elahi, 22 overnight, made 34 with seven fours from 43 balls, and his partner Sohail Jaffar took his

score from three to 30. Ahmer Saeed, Pakistan's under-19 player, contributed a useful 33 while Majid Inayat remained 19 not out when the innings was closed.

For New Zealand, paceman Simon Doull finished with two for 45 and left arm spinner Mathhew Hart two for 58 Morrison did not add to the two wickets he picked up on Sun-

# Replying to the visitors



## Mending the fences

BRISBANE, Nov 19: Several previous Test cricket series between Australia and the West Indies have been played in a spirit of acrimony. Members of the both teams hope the current series will be different, reports

The first of five Tests for the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy begins on Friday at the Gabba and senior members of the West Indian team management have already approached new Australian coach Geoff Marsh in a bid to avoid any ill-feeling.

Manager Clive Lloyd and coach Malcolm Marshall extended the hand of friendship in Hobart at the weekend after skippers Mark Taylor and Richie Richardson took giant leaps last year toward erasing the ill-will that characterised the 1991 and 1992-93 encoun-

"We've come to play cricket. but we still want to be friends. said Lloyd. "Probably that has got away

a little bit over the years, and we want to repair that We've always played cricket in the right sort of spirit and I

don't dislike anybody. It's a game and that's about it Marshall said he did not ex pect old animosities to surface.

"Both teams have got new

management and with new management around we can more or less get together and have a few drinks after the game," he said. "Myself and Clive have had a chat with Geoff and we're going

to try to make things a little bit The first Test, meanwhile, looms as a crucial one for Australian batsman Ricky Ponting

who is struggling to find his "Things didn't go well for me

in India." Ponting said Tuesday

"As soon as I got back I just

wanted to work as hard as I

could

Italy. Nov 19 (AFP): Diego Maradona may be a distant drugtainted memory.

unknown striker from the Aglietti's name was chanted

The double strike brought up

Two weeks ago, the 26-yearold hit notched the equaliser in a 1-1 draw with European champions Juventus in Turin,

Tve got to try and stay

But he added. "I realise that the city is bubbling with excitement, and that people are full of enthusiasm. It became obvious during the match

"My main strength is finding

to find space, which makes it easier for my teammates to pick me out and, of course, easier for me to score. But he readily admits to one

"I can't head the ball," he said, "Even though I'm 1.87m tall. I scored 18 goals with Raggina last season and not one of Napoli's top scorer has not

ting results, they're playing good football too.

### M United brace for battle MANCHESTER. "This will be the biggest Nov 19: Manchester United are game that most of the lads in the side have played at Old Trafbattening down ford," he said the hatches as There is no reason why we they prepare to comade for him can't go out there and get the result we would like, which is a

me under sniper fire again in a decisive Champions' League clash with Juventus here on Wednesday, reports AFP. Bosnian striker Elvin Bolic Shattered United's proud record

of 41 wins and 15 draws in European competition when Fenerbahce ended United's 40year unbeaten run last month. Now United must stop Croatian Alen Boksic, who killed them off in Turin. Boksic. a

Juventus in the competition so It is a tall order for a United defence which has been completely rebuilt in the last few

player United tried to sign, has

scored four out of eight goals for

Alex Ferguson conceded it was far too early to tell if last Saturday's win over Arsenal — United's first clean sheet in six games which have cost 15 goals - heralded a change for the bet-David May and Ronny

Johnsen have had to step into the shoes of the departed Steve Bruce and the injured Gary Pallister, while the Neville brothers are becoming established on the flanks for Paul Parker and Dennis Irwin. Ferguson said: "We regularly had spells of six or seven games

without conceding a goal, consistently, for years and until we get back to that ... "People forget that we've changed the whole back four in the space of two years. I don't know many teams who could handle that. "Bruce and Pallister were the foundation for this club to

be successful, absolutely no

doubt about that. They played every week, available for selection, never injured. "Now Bruce has gone, Pally's injured. May and Johnsen have to form a new partnership and understanding. It's unfortunate. because we'd like to have Pallister available, but we haven't

and we have to get on with it." England's up-and-coming midfielder Nicky Butt insists United are good enough to join

United have Ryan Giggs back on the left wing. Roy Keane in midfield and Eric Cantona

"Eric is fitter, because he's back in full training," revealed Ferguson. He had a spell last month where he was playing with a lit-

showing signs of his old confi-

tle niggle in his hip and needed treatment "Now for the last two weeks he has trained every day, and when he can do that and get the sharpness fitness brings, you'll get the kind of performance we saw against Arsenal at the

weekend.

great, match-dominating performance between than against the reigning European champions who swamped him and a naive United in Turin in September.

Cantona could not time a

### For all his achievements in this country - four titles and a Venables to take over Aussie squad

SYDNEY. Nov 19: Former England soccer manager Terry Venables has agreed to coach the Australian national team during their campaign to qualify for the 1998 World Cup, reports AP.

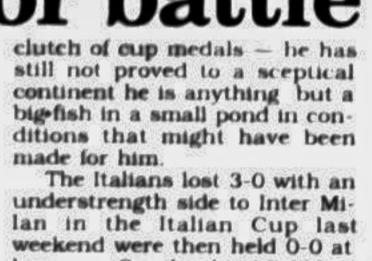
Soccer Australia chief executive David Hill, who has been negotiating a deal with Venables, will announce the details at a press conference on Tuesday (British time) at Venables' London nightclub Scribes West. Venables replaces Scottish-

born Eddie Thomson who re-

signed as Australian coach to

take over Japanese club San-

frecce Hiroshima. "Logic says we wouldn't be holding a news conference just to say no." a Soccer Australia spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.



home on Sunday by AC Milan in what was surely a dress rehearsal for the Champions'

League Quarter-final History is on United's side, since the Italians have only ever won once on English soil in nine visits against Aston

Villa in the 1982-83 European Cup. They drew at Old Trafford 12 years ago, and lost there 1-0 20



Seven of the eight top-ranked players (L-R in the back row) Dutchman Richard Krajicek, Croatian Goran Ivanisevic, German Boris Becker and (in the front row) Austrian Thomas Muster, Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Michael Chang and Pete Sampras of the United States pose together in Hanover, Germany on Nov 18. The eighth, Andre Agassi of the United States, could not attend. - AFP/UNB photo

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