

Sport

SA pace puzzles Indians

MIMEDABAD, India, Nov 20: Allan Donald led a South African revery on a spittle wicket to re-

Mongia, however, looked unfortunate to be declared leg before to a ball that appeared to be missing the leg stump.

Sharp declared Rahul Dravid leg before for 24 off Pat Symcox. The decision surprised both the batsman and the close-in fielders since the ball appeared to be going down the leg side.

Both sharp and Bansal stood in last week's Champions' Trophy final in Sharjah, where they handed out five controver-

In the same over Azharuddin survived a closer lbw appeal from Symcox, before settling down to play fluent strokes all around the wicket.

Tendulkar smashed seven boundaries before Rhodes cut short his promising innings with the stunning catch to make India 129 for four.

Venkat Laxman, the 22-year-old debutant, helped his Hyderabad mentor Azharuddin take the score to 159 without further loss by tea.

India were reduced to 165 for six before the tail wagged to add a further 50 runs for the loss of two more wickets.

It was then left to the tailenders to ensure that home side put up a fighting score by stumps of an engrossing day's play.

Sunil Joshi (16) and Javagal Srinath (14) added 28 for the seventh wicket, while vice-captain Anil Kumble (13 not out) and Venkatesh Prasad (seven not out) put on 19 for the unbroken ninth.

Besides, one representative each from the National Sports Council, three services, Bangladesh Rifles, Police and Ansars and VDP was included in the committee as member.

Jonny Rhodes struck two major blows with his brilliant fielding, flinging himself at mid-wicket to catch skipper Sachin Tendulkar (42) before running out Mohammad Azharuddin for 35.

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The run-out ruined Azharuddin's day after he became the world's only cricketer to play a home and away game against all the eight other Test playing nations.

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the first, cricket Test between India and South African in Ahmedabad on Wednesday:

Umpires George Sharp of England and SK Bansal of India hogged the limelight at the start of play with some strange decisions that left both teams puzzled.

INDIA: First innings Manjrekar b Adams 34 Mongia lbw b De Villiers 9 Dravid lbw b Symcox 24 Tendulkar Rhodes b Symcox 42 Azharuddin run out 11 Laxman lbw b Donald 35 Joshi c Hudson b Donald 11 Srinath c Cullinan b Donald 14 Kumble not out 13 Prasad not out 7 Extras: (lb-7, nb-3) 11 Total: (for 8 wkts) 215

Sharp turned down a first-ball appeal by Donald for a leg-before decision against Sanjay Manjrekar. Television replays showed the batsman was lucky to survive.

Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-63; 3-98; 4-129; 5-159; 6-165; 7-193; 8-196.

Bansal rejected another confident lbw appeal against Manjrekar by Fanie de Villiers, before rewarding the same bowler with the scalp of the other opener Nayan

To bat: N Hirwani Bowling: O M R W Donald 23 11 33 3 De Villiers 15 3 53 1 McMillan 11 4 20 0 Cronje 5 3 8 0 Adams 17 2 46 1 Symcox 21 5 48 2

India added 35 runs to their lunch score of 63 for two when

Manjrekar went on to make a sedate 34 before being bowled five minutes before lunch by left-arm wrist-spinner Paul Adams, the delivery cutting back and gathering pace off the wicket.

BABF new body formed

The National Sports Council has reconstituted the adhoc executive committee of Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF), yesterday, reports UNB.

Prof. Dr Rashiduddin Ahmed retained the post of president while SM Imtiaz Khan Babul was made new general secretary of the 31-member executive committee.

Other office-bearers are: Vice-Presidents - ABM Firoz, ASM Ali Khabir, Khondakar Saiful Islam and Shobeh Ahmed Chowdhury. Joint secretaries - M Tarek Iqbal Khan Mazlish and Talibur Rahman, Treasurer - Lt Commander AK Sarkar.

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Japanese tennis queen Kimiko Date (C) was accorded an court farewell at the Chase Championships at Madison Square Garden, New York on Nov 19. — AFP/UNB photo

A racist's rapport!

AMSTERDAM, Nov 20: UEFA president Lennart Johansson said on Tuesday his racist comments were a bad joke but the controversy surrounding them will not deter him from pursuing the FIFA presidency, reports Reuter.

Johansson arrived at the UEFA congress meetings following a storm of criticism over racist remarks he made in a Swedish newspaper article where he referred to Africans as blackies.

Having kept a low profile since his comments first appeared last Thursday, Johansson stepped from his car and marched confidently towards waiting cameramen and reporters, appearing eager to explain his remarks.

"In the Swedish papers I was quoted quite properly," said Johansson. "I was using one word which was supposed to be funny and it wasn't funny at all. I have no excuse.

"But to turn this into racism is too much for me. "But if you do something that is foolish and you don't watch your tongue you have to take the result."

Johansson explained the circumstances that led to the remarks, admitting that the interview was taped leaving him no room for denial.

Stefan set for sunset ride

MALMO, Sweden, Nov 20: Sweden on Tuesday named an unchanged team for the Davis Cup final against France later this month in a match that will mark the final professional performance of veteran Stefan Edberg, reports Reuter.

Sweden's team consists of world number nine Thomas Enqvist, who has finished the ATP season in blistering style with victories in Paris and Stockholm, Edberg and doubles specialists Nicklas Kulti and Jonas Bjorkman, team captain Carl-Axel Hageskog told a news conference.

The final will be played in this southwestern town from November 29 to December 1. The team is unchanged from the one that beat Czech Republic in the semifinal.

The French have named Cedric Pioline, Arnaud Boetsch, Guy Forget and Guillaume Raoux in their team.

Edberg played his last individual tournament earlier this month at the Stockholm Open.

Shoulder lets Seles down

NEW YORK, Nov 20: They threw a retirement party for Kimiko Date at Madison Square Garden

waved a "quit" sign to his daughter as she made her way back to the sidelines and she informed the umpire she could not continue.

After winning the Australian Open to start the season, Seles tore a muscle in her left, serving shoulder and has struggled to maintain her form since.

Tuesday, but opponent Monica Seles actually did the retiring at the Chase Championship when her sore left shoulder forced her to quit, report agencies.

By being forced out of the match, Seles gave Date the first gift of the night, a second-round berth against 16-year-old Martina Hingis, ranked fifth.

The 22-year-old Seles lost in the quarterfinals at the French Open and in the second round at Wimbledon before clawing her way to the US Open final where she lost to Steffi Graf.

The second-seeded Seles retired at 4-5 of the first set of their first-round match, and Date survived for at least another round at the prestigious two million dollars season-ending event.

Date, considered the greatest player in Japanese history, is playing in her final tournament and was given a retirement ceremony after the match.

At the premature retirement ceremony following the match, Date was serenaded by a Japanese children's choir from an upstate New York school, who sang "Kikyo ni notte do ko made mo (riding on the balloon)."

Seles, the co-world Number Two, called out tour trainer Kathleen Stroia during the changeover while leading 4-3 and took an injury time out while a bag of ice was applied to her shoulder, which has troubled her most of this season.

"I can't believe this happened," Date said through an interpreter after the match. "I hope she (Seles) will recover soon."

"This is not the end, this is a new beginning for me," Date said in English during the on-court ceremony. "Once again, thank you, everybody and goodbye."

Date held serve at 15 and then broke the obviously hindered Seles at love in the next game. Seles' father, Karolj,

Seles, who had beaten Date in their four previous career matches, had her disappointing season end in pain and frustra-

Date was given a set of golf clubs to help her enjoy retirement, but they will have to wait.

Making of a true champion

If you look at the roll-call of World Formula One powerboat champions of the last decade — Jones, Seeborg, Bush, Hill, Bocca and Cappellini — it points to one essential ingredient to being a world champion — experience, says a press release.

None of these drivers achieved the ultimate accolade in their sport before the age of thirty and all have many years of race experience behind them.

Player Gold Leaf, we are now investing time and money in engine and boat development in preparation for the 1997 season. We realise that it will take time, but if my co-driver Paul Blackburn and I are going to properly show our talent we must be competitive in the mechanical department."

Formula One powerboat racing is unlike any other motorsport due to the unpredictability of the water they race on.

tossed around inside the small enclosed cockpit and the need to steer the boat against several forces. In common with other sports people, Formula One powerboat drivers know that physical well-being sharpens the mental state in preparation for the demands of high speed racing and creates the quick reflexes necessary to react to unforeseen situations.

The talk around the Formula One circuit is who can challenge the experience of Jones, Cappellini and Werner for future world titles. Young Italian, Massimo Roggiero has made a huge impact in just two seasons and seems destined for a few Grand Prix wins; Humaid Bhakit from Abu Dhabi has also made an impressive start to his Formula One career.

In motor racing, drivers are working with smooth tarmac surfaces with corners that never change," commented Jon Jones who is lead driver for the John Player Gold Leaf FI Racing Team and three times World Champion. "Whereas in Formula One powerboat, we are dealing with a variable surface influenced by the weather, other boats and numerous other elements, which means no corner or straight is ever the same. So no one can be taught how to be a champion, it really is a matter of getting as many championship races under your belt and getting to know how to compensate for these variables."

As with any motorsport, a huge amount of responsibility is placed upon the engines and boats. Talent can only go part way to compensate for mechanical failure and uncompetitive equipment. Formula One powerboat racing is, currently, in a similar position to its motorsport counterpart with one team having technical dominance over rivals.

This season, Bhakit has had the temerity to beat Cappellini to the coveted pole position, but when it comes to the race he has not had the experience to sustain a challenge.

But, for Guido Cappellini this is not something that has happened overnight.

The Cappellini team is run on very professional lines. His race truck is a maze of technology with computers that monitor every aspect of the engine's performance.

Paul Blackburn in his first season in Formula One is determined to make it to the top. "Having had several seasons in Formula 3, I didn't find the transition particularly difficult. I am lucky to have the support of a great team and sponsor in John Player Gold Leaf to help me achieve my goal."

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The Italian's dominance does not act as a deterrent to the other teams. Rival Jon Jones, "The technical superiority Guido has achieved has been a spur to all other teams and it has to be good for the sport as overall standards are going to be raised because of it."

Many of the Formula One powerboat drivers have Formula One motor racing drivers as their personal heroes. They undoubtedly see the same dedication, lack of nerve and lightning reflexes. The financial rewards are nothing like as great, but this still does not reduce their desire to win and reach the top of their chosen sport.

Current world champion, Italian Guido Cappellini, totally agrees.

Experience alone, however, is not enough. Above all there has to be the inherent talent and desire to be a winner — pure dedication to the sport. The top drivers are constantly fine tuning their own performances, as well as the engines and boats, to gain the advantage over their rivals.

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Ridiculous!

EXETER, England, Nov 20: A woman football referee was charged with bringing the game into disrepute on Wednesday after she stripped off and joined players in the communal showers, reports AFP.

An inquiry was ordered after girlfriends and wives complained about Janet Fewings taking showers with their partners after matches.

Fewings, a 41-year-old mother-of-four, faces a fine, ban or the loss of her referee's registration if found guilty by the Football Association (FA).

But Fewings said: "I think the FA is simply embarrassed by this whole affair."

"Referees and players have been asking for privacy and shower curtains. I hope the players will back me and I fear the FA will try and shut me out and restrict me to refereeing games only where there are separate facilities."

McGrath gets the nod

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 20: Australian strike bowler Glenn McGrath was today passed fit for Friday's series-opening cricket Test against the West Indies at the Gabba Ground here, reports AFP.

McGrath had been in doubt with a heel injury but survived a three-and-a-half hours training session.

After coming off his long run in the nets McGrath said the injury did not bother him at all.

He was not concerned that he had not had a lot of cricket in the past few weeks since returning from Australia's tour to India.

It seems likely that Australia's 12th man will come from one of the four selected fast bowlers, most likely to be Jason Gillespie or Mike Kasrowicz.

The West Indies and Australia got through their session today without incident, virtually training side by side at the Test venue.

Hollanders too good to handle

OSAKA, Japan, Nov 20: The Netherlands showed off their power and flair as Olympic champions, whipping South Korea in straight sets Tuesday, the first day of the World Super Challenge men's volleyball tournament, reports AFP.

The Dutch ran out easy winners, 15-5, 15-4, 15-6. Ron Zerver led the Dutch scoring with nine points as the taller European squad cut out the Korean attacks with a high wall of blocks.

The Koreans, who represented Asia at Atlanta, served and blocked well on and off but had difficulty putting together combination plays.

Dutch head coach Joop Alberda held out the promise of even better to come.

"Our players' condition is still not good due to jet-lag," he said.

Korean coach Song Man-duck said the result was all he had expected "in order to defeat the top teams in the world, we need to be taller and stronger," he said.

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Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H) Narayanganj Road Division Shimrail, Narayanganj

R&H Notice Inviting Tender

- 1. Tender Notice No 39/Narayanganj Road Division, year 1996-97.
2. Name of work Work of repairing with seal coat at different kilometres of Dhaka-Daudkandi Road under Bitikandi Road Sub-Division under Narayanganj Road Division for 1996-97 financial year, divided into 4 (four) groups.
3. Estimated cost As per attached group list.
4. Earnest money As per attached group list. In favour of the undersigned through Bank Draft/Pratiraksha Sanchaypatra/5-year Bangladesh Sanchaypatra/Treasury Challan and Bonus Sanchaypatra from any scheduled bank.
5. Time allotted for work As per attached group list.
6. Eligibility of contractors As per attached group list. R&H Directorate enlisted contractors.
7. Office where tender will be available Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Dhaka/Manikganj/Munshiganj/Gazipur/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Planning Division (Road & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Bitikandi/Narayanganj Road Sub-Division.
8. Offices where tender will be received Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road: Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division.
9. Last date & time of selling tender 30-11-96 up to office hours.
10. Date & time of receiving tender 1-12-96 up to 12-30 PM.
11. Date & time of opening tender 3-12-96 at 1-00 PM Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division.
12. Date & time of lottery 4-12-96 at 1-00 PM.
13. Estimate approving officer Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka.
14. Tender cost Tk 500/- per set (Non-refundable).

Table with 6 columns: Group No, Name of road, Name of work, Estimated cost, Earnest money, Time limit, Eligibility of contractors. Contains 4 tender items.

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Md Firoz Khan Noon Executive Engineer (R&H) Narayanganj Road Division

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