

Sport

Ganguly gets the call

AHMEDABAD Nov 23: The national selectors today made only one change in India's 14-man squad for the second Test against South Africa, commencing at the Eden Gardens in Calcutta on November 27, reports PTI.

Medium-pace bowler David Johnson, who was in the team for the first Test that India won today, was replaced by Saurav Ganguly.

The left-handed Calcutta batsman could not play in the first Test due to injury.

Ganguly, however, has to undergo a fitness test at Calcutta on November 25 and, in case he does not pass it, then Johnson would be re-induced into the fourteen, selection committee chairman Ramakant Desai told reporters here after the announcement of the team.

TEAM

INDIA : Sachin Tendulkar (capt), Nayan Mongia, Sanjay Manjrekar, Rahul Dravid, Saurav Ganguly, Mohammad Azharuddin, V S Laxman, Sunil Joshi, Anil Kumble, Venkatesh Prasad, Narendra Hirwani, Jayagopal Srinath, Ashish Kapoor and Pankaj Dharmani.

World men's v'ball

Italy beat Netherlands

TOKYO, Nov 23: Italy, who crashed to a shock defeat to the Netherlands in the Atlanta Olympic final, extracted a small measure of revenge at the World Super Challenge men's volleyball tournament Saturday, reports AFP.

The Italian world champions used quick attack and fine reflex in receiving to score a 15-6, 15-8, 15-12 win over the Olympic champions to remain unbeaten with four consecutive wins.

"I was relieved when the game was over. Many of our players came to Japan with many physical problems, but they've got well and played well with strong desire to win," said Italy's coach Julio Velasco.

"It feels good that we haven't lost a game to them after the Atlanta Olympic Games," he added.

Dutch coach Joop Alberda said: "I worked hard for the past four years, but I'm going to leave the team in December, so that the team will have new ideas and opportunities."

China showed their tight defence with firm blocks to beat South Korea 15-12, 15-13, 15-5, while Olympic bronze medalists Yugoslavia whipped hosts Japan 15-12, 15-11, 15-8.

The Netherlands stood with three wins against one defeat, Yugoslavia and China 2-2, South Korea 1-3 and Japan 0-4.

Weah gets into hot water

AMSTERDAM, Nov 23: UEFA said on Friday it had called a special disciplinary hearing next week on the scuffle involving AC Milan's George Weah after Wednesday's Champions League match, reports Reuter.

Porto defender Jorge Costa suffered a broken nose in the incident which took place in the players' tunnel at the end of an ill-tempered match.

The 30-year-old Weah, hailed by FIFA as a model of fair play, could face a lengthy suspension if European soccer's governing body found he had attacked Costa in the post-match clash.

Costa could also face sanctions if UEFA found he had provoked the incident with racist taunts.

UEFA spokesman Rene Eberle said the disciplinary hearing would be held next week but would not say on which day or where it would take place.

"The decision will probably be made at the end of next week," he said. "It all depends on the reports and the eye-witnesses. We may well have to call our own investigation and decide later on."

Costa on Thursday received surgery after breaking his nose in the incident, witnessed by a UEFA official following a tense 1-1 Group D draw littered with fouls and yellow cards.

Porto club doctor Jose Carlos Esteves said Weah had headbutted Costa.

Milan officials and Weah's wife Claire were quoted as saying the Liberian holder of the prestigious Golden Ball award to Europe's top player, had reacted to racist taunts.

That player covered George with spit and insults. Do you know what he was doing? He was baring his teeth and jumping up and down like a monkey. Gazzetta Dello Sport quoted Claire Weah as saying.

Milan's managing director Adriano Galliani told the newspaper, "Without accusing anyone, I would just observe that certain things, like spit and racist grunts, are less evident than blood. We will be presenting our version of the facts."

Costa was shown after the incident on Portuguese television with blood streaming from his nose. He is expected to be out of soccer for three weeks.

Milan still need a point from their final Group D match against Norway's Rosenborg Trondheim to be assured of reaching the quarterfinals of a competition they have won five times.

Wednesday's draw meant that Porto, unbeaten so far in the competition and with one Champions League game to come, finished first in the group and meet the runners-up of Group C in the last eight.

Srinath heat sizzles SA



AHMEDABAD, India, Nov 23: The fiery spell by Indian seamer Jayagopal Srinath sent South Africa crashing to a sensational 64-run defeat in the first cricket Test here Saturday, reports AFP.

Srinath picked up a career-best six for 21 as the South Africans, chasing a modest 170 for victory, crumbled for 105 in their second innings an hour after lunch on the fourth day.

The last six wickets fell for nine runs in 22 balls, leaving disappointed South African skipper Hansie Cronje stranded at the other end on 48 not out.

It was India's 13th victory in their last 17 home Tests since 1989 and Sachin Tendulkar's second in as many matches as captain.

India, who won the one-off Test against Australia last month in under four days, start as favourites when the second of the three Tests against the South Africans begins in Calcutta next Wednesday.

Srinath, whose previous best in 21 Tests was four for 33 against the South Africans at Cape Town in 1992, wrecked the tourists' bid for victory with inspired bowling.

He took two successive wickets in his first over before a run had been scored, two more off consecutive balls in the middle of the innings and another two in a row to finish the match.

"It was one of the greatest exhibitions of fast bowling I have seen from an Indian for a long time," a visibly elated Tendulkar said.

Srinath was absolutely superb, just out of this world. I don't think a captain can ask for more."

Vice-captain Anil Kumble chipped in with three for 34 to restrict the South African second innings to just 38.5 overs on a wearing track at the Gaddafi Stadium.

Srinath's fifth delivery cut in sharply and trapped Hudson on the back foot. Umpire S K Bansal had no hesitation in declaring the batsman leg-before.

The next ball was an away swinger which took the edge of Cullinan's bat and was easily caught by Mongia.

Then left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi claimed Gary Kirsten leg before for 20 to make the South Africans 48 for three at lunch.

The tourists added 17 to their lunch score when Brian McMillan fell into Kumble's trap, sweeping the leg-spinner down Sunil Joshi's throat at

deep square leg.

Dave Richardson helped Cronje take the score to 96 for four before edging Srinath to wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia after making seven.

Jonty Rhodes, who came in with Gary Kirsten as runner after pulling a hamstring in the field on Friday, failed to bring his bat down to the first ball he received and was declared leg before.

Pat Symcox denied Srinath a hatrick but could not open his account, beaten by a Kumble flipper to be bowled.

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190 within 20 minutes of the start.

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Two balls later, Adams had Venkatesh Prasad caught at silly point and terminated the innings in his next over when last man Narendra Hirwani holed out to mid-on.

Hirwani scored nine in a valuable 10-run stand for the last wicket with Kumble, who remained unbeaten on 30.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of first Test between India and South Africa on Saturday:

INDIA: First innings 223

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 244

INDIA: Second innings (172 for 7 overnight)

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Mongia c Richardson b Donald 5

Dravid lbw Symcox 34

Tendulkar c Rhodes b McMillan 7

Azharuddin c Rhodes b Donald 24

Laxman lbw Adams 51

Cronje c McMillan b Symcox 13

Srinath lbw De Villiers 1

Kumble not out 30

Prasad c McMillan b Adams 0

Hirwani c Crookes b Adams 9

Extras (b-4, lb-4, nb-3) 11

Total: (all out in 79.2 overs) 190

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-15; 3-38; 4-82; 5-91; 6-123; 7-124; 8-180; 9-190.

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Adams c Srinath 0

Extras (b-1, lb-3, w-5) 9

Total: (all out in 30.5 overs) 105

Fall: 1-0; 2-0; 3-40; 4-45; 5-56; 6-66; 7-100; 8-100; 9-105.

Bowling: O M R W

Srinath 11.5 4 21 6

Prasad 7 0 18 0

Kumble 12 2 34 3

Joshi 8 1 28 1

SRINATH ... 6 for 21

first innings hero Fannie de Villiers snapped up at silly point by Mohammad Azharuddin to make South Africa 100 for eight.

A fired-up Srinath cleaned bowler Allan Donald and Paul Adams to seal the emphatic win in an engrossing Test match where fortunes fluctuated with each passing moment.

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