

## Sport

## SA sink into quagmire



KANPUR, Dec 9: India dismissed South Africa for 177 runs, wresting the initiative with a 60-run first inings lead in the third and deciding cricket Test on the second day Monday, reports AP.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble struck with 4 for 71 runs as South Africans learnt how difficult it was to combat India's spin attack on a slow wicket where the ball kept low.

Kumble neutralised the good work done by South African wrist-spinner Paul Adams who put up a career best performance of 6 for 55 runs off 19 overs.

India was seven for the loss of opener WV Rahaman in its second knock.

South Africa missed an opportunity to build a good score, coasting comfortably with 121 for three. But within a space of 31 balls, the visitors lost four wickets adding only 10 runs.

Pat Symcox with an unbeaten 23 retrieved the situation somewhat. Opener Kirsten was top-scorer with 43 runs after he was dropped by Venkatesh Prasad even before he had opened his account.

In a burst of swing bowling, India's pace bowler Javagal Srinath captured three for 42 runs and off-spinner Ashish Kapoor two for 19 runs.

On a day of fluctuating fortunes, India, resuming on 204 for six, lost the last four wickets for 33 runs in nine overs in a lunch session on Monday.

Adams took three of the final four wickets, including Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar.

Tendulkar (61) ended his lean trot with a patient half

century off 163 balls before going on the attack, hitting two consecutive on-side boundaries off Adams.

But when he tried another lofted drive, his miss-hit shot flew to mid off where Fanie de Villiers took a comfortable catch.

Next ball, Adams caught

Javagal Srinath full length to



ANIL KUMBLE ... 4 for 71

put himself on a hat-trick. Ashish Kapoor denied him that.

India won the first Test by 64 runs in Ahmedabad before South Africa hit back with a 329-run victory in Calcutta Test.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the third and final cricket Test between South Africa and India on Monday:

**INDIA:** First, innings (overnight 204 for six)

Mongia not out 41

Ramal et Klusener b McMillan 57

Ganguly lbw b Cronje 39

Tendulkar et De Villiers b Adams 61

David lbw Adams 7

**South Africa:** First innings

Hudson lbw Kumble 15

Kirsten c Raman b Kapoor 43

Gibbs b Kapoor 17

Cullinan c Azharuddin b Kumble 29

Cronje c sub b Kumble 15

McMillan b Srinath 1

Richardson b Srinath 4

Klusener c David b Srinath 9

Symcox not out 23

De Villiers lbw Kumble 6

Adams run out 8

Extras (b-4, lb-3) 7

Total: 177

Fall of wickets: 1-76; 2-111;

3-160; 4-185; 5-193; 6-193; 7-

214; 8-224; 9-224

**Bowling:** O M R W

De Villiers 15 7 18 0

Klusener 17 4 47 0

McMillan 18 7 40 2

Symcox 21 5 57 0

Adams 19.1 6 55 6

Cronje 10 5 11 2

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Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-73;

3-94; 4-121; 5-126; 6-130; 7-131;

8-144; 9-163

**Bowling:** O M R W

De Villiers 2 1 2 0

Klusener 2 0 4 0

**INDIA:** Second innings

Mongia not out 4

Raman 1bw Fannie de Villiers 2

Kumble not out 0

Prasad (lb-1) 1

Total: (for one wicket) 7

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