

SA sink into quagmire

KANPUR, Dec 9: India dismissed South Africa for 177 runs, wresting the initiative with a 60-run first innings 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.

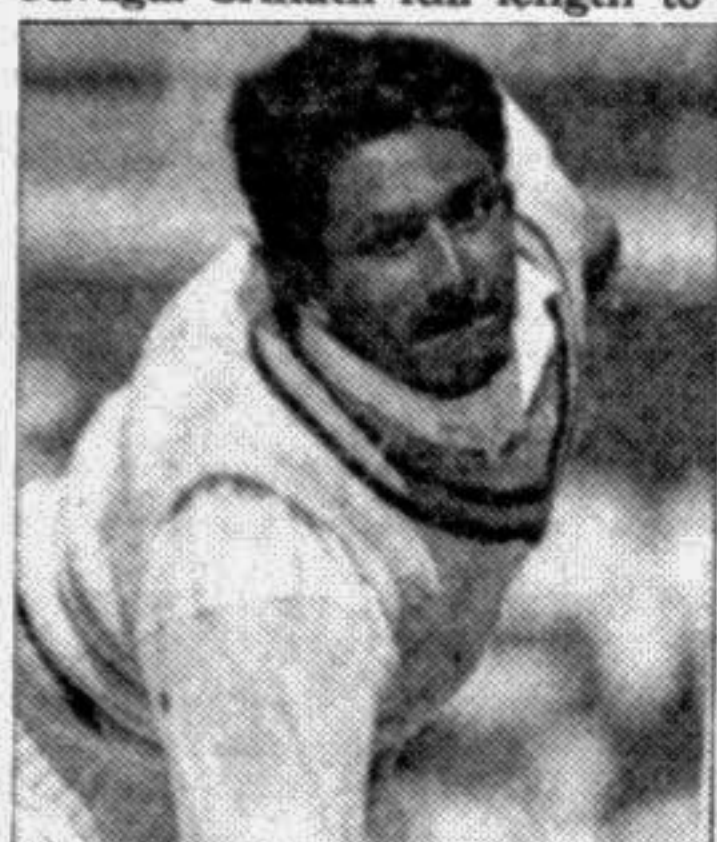
Kumble neutralised the good work done by South African wrist-spinner Paul Adams who put up a career best performance of 6 for 55 runs off 19 overs.

India was seven for the loss of opener WV Rahman 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 55 runs off 19 overs.

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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 b McMillan 41

Raman b Klusener b McMillan 57

Ganguly lbw b Cronje 39

Tendulkar c De Villiers b Adams 61

Dravid lbw Adams 7

Azharuddin c and b Adams	5
Joshi c Klusener b Adams	0
Kumble b Cronje	5
Kapoor c De Villiers b Adams	11
Srinath c and b Adams	0
Prasad not out	1
Extras (b-3, lb-6, nb-1)	10
Total	237
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

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings	
Kirsten 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	1
Klusener c Dravid 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: 1-34; 2-73; 3-94; 4-121; 5-126; 6-130; 7-131; 8-144; 9-163	
Bowling:	O M R W
Srinath	16 7 42 3
Prasad	14 5 25 0
Kumble	27 2 71 4
Kapoor	8 2 19 2
Joshi	7.3 2 13 0

INDIA: Second innings	
Mongia not out	4
Raman lbw Fannie de Villiers 2	
Kumble not out	0
Extras (lb-1)	1
Total (for one wicket)	7
Fall of wickets: 1/2	
Bowling:	O M R W
De Villiers	2 1 2 1
Klusener	2 0 4 0

WI hoping against hope?

CANBERRA, Dec 9 (AP): Two Test matches, two defeats. Two limited-over internationals, another pair of losses.

The West Indies cricket team, a perennial powerhouse, aren't used to failure — and it hurts.

The Caribbean cavaliers arrived in Australia boasting a new management team and, allegedly, a new attitude. They were determined to regain the Frank Worrell Trophy which they lost at home to Australia 18 months ago.

Instead, a series of lackluster performances have resulted in Australia scoring comprehensive victories in the first two Test matches in Brisbane and Sydney.

Then, in the opening two matches of the triangular World Series tournament on Friday and Sunday, the Aussies again thrashed the tourists.

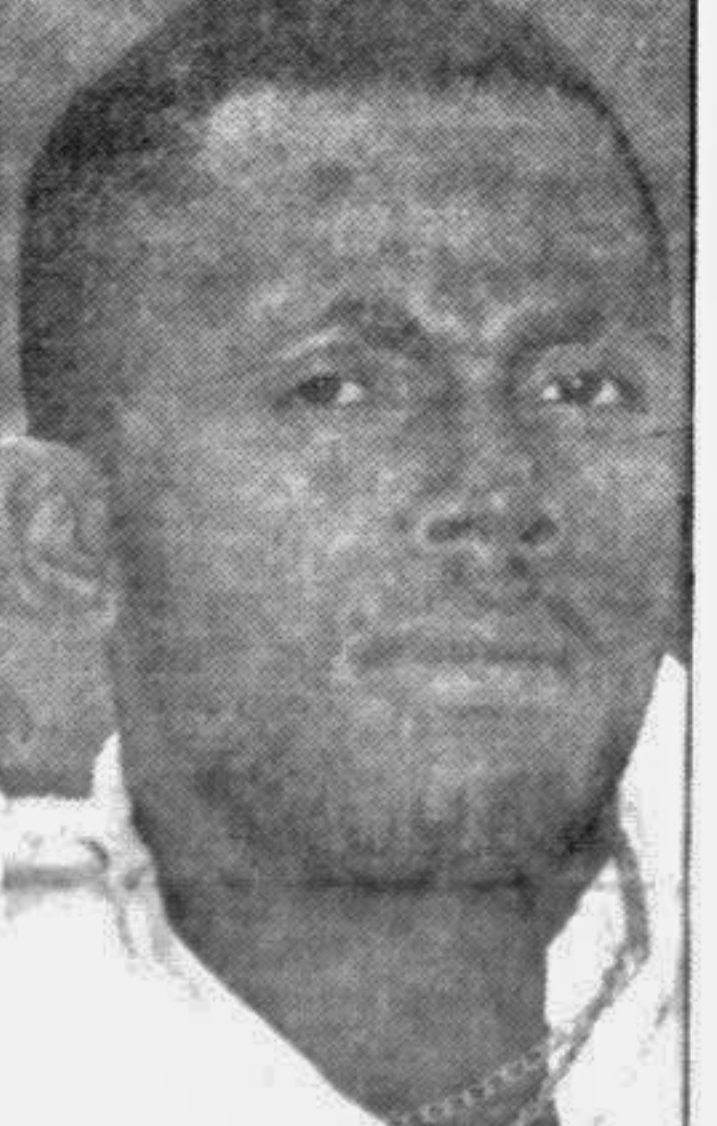
A summer season that was billed as "The Decider" is now being referred to as "The One-Sider."

West Indies captain Courtney Walsh, maintaining a positive attitude, says his team will bounce back.

"Every team goes through these patches, good teams and bad teams," Walsh said Monday. "We're going through that stage now. The quicker we get

out of it the better it is for the team."

Not only are the West Indies losing, they are playing without their traditional spark.



COURTNEY WALSH

The Calypso cricketers have been sluggish in the field and key players like world record-breaking batsman Brian Lara and veteran pace bowler Curtly

Ambrose have been struggling to find their form.

Lara has been booed by Australian fans after a run-in with wicketkeeper Ian Helay.

"We are all disappointed with our performances," Walsh said. "Any one of us who is not disappointed should not be here."

Walsh, who took over as captain when Richie Richardson retired earlier this year, is the only survivor from the great West Indies team that went 27 Test matches without defeat between 1982-85.

It is now Walsh's task — and that of team manager Clive Lloyd — to restore the confidence that once characterised West Indies' teams.

The tourists hope to use a week of low-key fixtures to revive their spirits.

They face the Prime Minister's XI in a limited-over match in Canberra on Tuesday and then play the second-string Australia A team in Melbourne on Friday.

The third Test, a match they must win to keep alive their Frank Worrell Trophy hopes, begins Dec 26 in Melbourne, while the World Series tournament continues in dribs and drabs through to late January.

The World Series tournament also features Pakistan, which warmed up with a 2-1 limited-over series win over New Zealand at the weekend.

European soccer scene

LONDON, Dec 9: Fabio Capello and Arrigo Sacchi, past and present coaches respectively of AC Milan, were winners with a contrasting view of success at the weekend, reports Reuter.

Capello, who moved to Real Madrid from Milan at the end of last season, saw his Spanish league leaders beat Barcelona 2-0 in the latest edition of one of European soccer's greatest rivalries.

"Tactically we played a perfect match," said Capello, whose side are two points clear of second-placed Deportivo Coruna.

Sacchi, who has quit as Italy coach to step back into the hot seat at AC Milan, saw his team beat Udinese 2-1 but reflected: "The important thing for Milan today was to regain confidence in themselves, but if this was the real Milan, then we face a tough year."

SPAIN

Real Madrid's Balkan strike force of Predrag Mijatovic and Davor Suker scored either side of halftime on Saturday to give their side victory over Barcelona at the Bernabeu Stadium.

Real had the best of the clash despite 20 minutes of heavy Barcelona pressure in which they were twice saved by the woodwork and once by an unexpected miss by Brazilian

striker Ronaldo.

The Leaders' first came after 24 minutes when Roberto Carlos looped in a free-kick and Croatian international Suker appeared on the far side to squeeze home the ball after an apparent mix-up in the Barcelona defence.

Real went further ahead three minutes after the break when Clearance Seedorf put through Predrag Mijatovic, and the Montenegrin made no mistake.

ITALY

As Sacchi walked into the San Siro for his first taste of Serie A soccer in five years, he was met with the eerie sound of silence. Fans shocked by Milan's humiliation at the hands of Norway's Rosenborg in the European Cup on Wednesday had banners with such messages as "No scapegoats. You're all guilty."

In the first half the home side looked as poor as Wednesday's, but after the break Sacchi sent on Dejan Savicevic and within nine minutes the Montenegrin had headed home George Weah's cross.

Although Udinese equalised, Milan edged in front again in the 67th minute with a well-taken goal from Stefano Eranio — again made by Weah.

Milan are seventh, while Ju-

ventus won 1-0 at Sampdoria and now trial Italian league leaders Vicenza, held 1-1 by Internazionale, on goal difference alone.

FRANCE

Monaco failed to take full advantage of the shock 2-1 defeat of arch rivals Paris St Germain by Nancy 24 hours earlier when they were held to a goalless draw at home by Guingamp on Saturday.

A win would have allowed in-form Monaco to seize a two-point lead over PSG. Instead, Monaco, who had won their last four league matches, were unable to break down a solid Guingamp defence and had to be content with taking over at the top of the table on goal difference.

Northern Ireland forward Phil Gray struck a last-minute winner as relegation candidates Nancy came from behind to inflict the shock home defeat on leaders PSG on Friday.

NETHERLANDS

European Cup survivors Ajax were held 1-1 by 10-man AZ Alkmaar on Sunday, having seemed set for maximum points after moving ahead in the 11th minute when Arno Splinter's shot deflected into goal and Alkmaar's Danny Hesp was sent off for bringing down Nordin Wooter after 30 minutes.



Action from yesterday's 100m sprint of the Bijoy Dibosh open athletic competition at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex. — Star photo

Bijoy Dibash hockey

Mohammedans stun B Boys

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club were off to a flying start in the Bijoy Dibash Cup hockey tournament when they handed Bangladesh Boys Club a 0-3 defeat in their opening match at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Defender Mahfuz Alam Nixon scored twice through penalty corners in the 20th and 22nd minutes while forward Zahid Biswas sealed the match with a field goal in the 45th minute.

On the other hand, Boys, who were at the receiving end throughout the proceedings, got an opportunity in the 51st minute when they earned a penalty stroke. But Mohammedans' keeper Javed saved his side as he denied Murad Ehsanullah's stroke by diving to his right.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedans moved to the quarterfinals of the 17-team meet. They will play the quarterfinal tomorrow against Ajax Sporting Club who beat Azad Sporting Club by a solitary goal yesterday afternoon.

Forward Moududur Rahman Shuvo netted the all-important match-winner in the 10th minute.

Earlier, in the day's first encounter, forward Abdul Matin scored three goals as Bangladesh Navy trounced Wari Club by five goals to nil.

Forward Abdul scored three goals in the 7th, 41st and 43rd minutes while Farid Ahmed and Faruque Hossain added one each to the winners' account who will take on Usha Krira Chakra in the quarterfinal on December 12.

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Mohammedan forward Zahid Biswas (2nd from left) makes an abortive attempt to slip the balls past a crowded Biman defence during their Bijoy Dibosh Cup hockey tournament encounter at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won 3-0. — Star photo

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Champions' hockey

Holland beat Germany

MADRAS, India, Dec 9: A goal by Remco van Wijk three minutes before the final whistle gave Olympic gold medalist Holland a 2-1 win over Germany in the Champions' Trophy here today, reports AFP.

The Germans, defending champions in the elite six-nation event, appeared set to share points in the key encounter after a spectacular goal by Bjorn Michelin the 60th minute made it 1-1.

Michel executed a reverse flick from the top of the circle that spend past Dutch goalkeeper Ronald Jansen and thudded against the boards.

But Germany's joy lasted only seven minutes before Remco struck the match-winner against the run of play to lift Holland to their second successive win in the tournament.

The Dutch, who opened the scoring with a 10th minute goal by Jacques Brinkman, led the competition with six points after the first two rounds of the preliminary round-robin league.

They are the only unbeaten team following a 2-0 win over Pakistan in their opening match.

The Germans, who defeated hosts India on Saturday, are tied with India and Pakistan with three points each.

Australia and Spain have a point each. The top two teams advance to the final next Sunday.

Susanti wrests

World GP title

DENPASAR, Bali, Dec 9: Susi Susanti won the World Grand Prix badminton title at home in Indonesia on Sunday with a convincing 11-4, 11-1 victory over long time rival Ye Zhaoying of China, reports Reuter.

Indonesian doubles partners Ricky Subagia and Rexy Mainaky also won their final beating Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Him Hock of Malaysia 15-4, 15-9 in a re-run of the Olympic final earlier this year in Atlanta.

The victories in the sport's richest