



The two-centurions. —TV photo

## Indians stage a fightback

CAPE TOWN, Jan 4: A brilliant display of batting from Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammad Azharuddin turned looming devastation into one of pride for India on the third day of the second Test against South Africa here today, reports AFP.

The pair brought India back from the brink, boosting an Indian innings that looked distinctly threadbare at lunch, to a face-saving 359 all out.

And Tendulkar's bowlers responded in kind during the 12 overs bowled in the South African innings, snatching two wickets for 24 at the close.

Both openers Gary Kirsten, a century maker in the first innings, and Adam Bacher were sent back to the Newlands pavilion without scoring to lbw decisions.

Kirsten went to Dadda Ganesh, to give the debutant his first Test wicket, and Bacher to Javagal Srinath as the South African top-order reeled.

But above all it was the explosive sixth-wicket partnership between Tendulkar and Azharuddin which dominated the day's play.

Inspired perhaps by meeting President Nelson Mandela at the lunch break, Tendulkar and Azharuddin tore the South African pace attack apart in a monumental partnership of 222.

The diminutive Indian captain scored 169 — the best by an Indian batsman against South Africa — before falling to a superb catch in the deep by Bacher off Brian McMillan's bowling.

Tendulkar had offered a chance to Andrew Hudson in the gully when on 80, but in the light of his refusal to accept what seemed the inevitable, it was perhaps justice that the South Africans put the chance down.

Tendulkar scored 26 boundaries in his stay of five hours

and 31 minutes, his 150 coming from the 23rd boundary of his near faultless innings.

Azharuddin's innings was a rare gem and exhibited a total disdain for the South African bowling.

Before he went to a run out by Hudson, Azharuddin had struck a six and 19 fours — four of those boundaries coming off the first over after lunch when he severely punished the luckless Lance Klusener.

India, who had resumed at 29 for three overnight in reply to the home side's 529 for seven declared, were still deep in trouble at 145 for five at lunch.

Resuming at 29-3 overnight, India were quickly in trouble with the wickets of Saurav Ganguly and V V S Laxman going by the time the total had doubled to 58.

The elegant left-hander Ganguly struck the second ball of the morning for four and then again became a victim of Allan Donald on 23, chasing the next delivery and giving Brian McMillan a sharp chance at second slip.

Laxman too was guilty for chasing the shot, this time from Shaun Pollock, and was caught down the leg by wicket-keeper Dave Richardson on 5.

But then Tendulkar and Azharuddin came together and the game took on a completely different complexion as they steaded matters to 145 for five by tea.

It was a rapidly tiring South African attack which breathed a huge sigh of relief when Tendulkar, finally became the last wicket to fall in a truly remarkable turnaround of fortunes.

And while India still remained 170 runs behind when the home side came in to bat again, there was a glimmer in the slope of the tourists which became a positive when Kirsten and Bacher departed.

At the crease at the close, Hudson was unbeaten on seven and Klusener, sent in as

nightwatchman, had 10.

India still have much to do, but with such a huge day behind them they can rightly believe that the balance has swung and the game is poised for even more drama.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scorecard at the close on the third day of the second Test between South Africa and India at Newlands on Saturday:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 529-7 declared (B McMillan 103 not out, L Klusener 102 not out, G Kirsten 103, D Cullinan 77, Srinath 3-130, Prasad 3-114).

**INDIA:** First innings Ranjan run out (Klusener) 5, Dravid b Klusener 2, Ganguly c McMillan b Donald 23, Prasad b Adams 0, Tendulkar c Bacher b McMillan 169, Laxman c Richardson b Pollock 5, Azharuddin run out (Hudson) 115, Mongia lbw b Adams 5, Kumble c Richardson b Donald 2, Srinath b Pollock 11, Ganesh Not out 2, Extras: (lb-9, nb-11) 20, Total: 359.

Fall of wickets: 1-7: 2-24: 3-115: 4-33: 5-58: 6-280: 7-298: 8-315: 9-340.

**Bowling:** Donald 24 4 99 2, Pollock 23 2 76 2, Klusener 12 1 88 1, Adams 18 5 49 2, McMillan 6 2 0 22 1, Cronje 9 5 16 0.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings Hudson not out 7, Kirsten lbw Ganesh 0, Bacher lbw Javagal Srinath 0, Klusener not out 10, Extras: 7, Total: (for two wickets) 24.

Fall of wickets: 1-6: 2-7.

**Bowling:** O M R W, Ganesh 5 2 7 1, Srinath 6 3 8 1, Kumble 1 0 2 0.

## Injury Pakistan's big worry

LAUNCESTON, Australia, Jan 4: Pakistan have only 10 fit cricketers and will struggle to field a team in their limited-over match against Tasmania state on Sunday, team officials said today, reports AP.

Captain Wasim Akram, looking forward to resting his chronically injured shoulder in preparation for the limited-over World Series match against Australia in Hobart on Tuesday, may have to play as the 11th man.

Opening batsman Saeed Anwar has returned to Pakistan after suffering from a virus since soon after arriving in Australia and the two players coming out as replacements — Ijaz Ahmed Junior and Mujahid Jamsheed — will not arrive until Sunday morning.

"We would love them to come and join us here today so they can play tomorrow but I believe they are coming in the morning, so they'll need a couple of days to get over the jet lag," Akram said.

Right-arm paceman Waqar Younis has injured his right shoulder and will decide in the morning whether he is fit enough to play. Leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed has a problem with his knee, but might be fit for Sunday.

Akram said Pakistan had about 10 and a half fit players until the replacements arrived.

"I am the half," he said.

## Gold Coast tennis final today

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 4: Japan's Ai Sugiyama and Elena Likhovtseva of Russia meet in the final of the Gold Coast Classic on Sunday after surviving blustery conditions Saturday at the Hope Island resort, reports AP.

Sugiyama, the sixth seed, defeated Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France 6-2, 6-4 while Likhovtseva beat top seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-3.

Likhovtseva used the wind to her advantage in beating Schultz-McCarthy, who was hampered by a wrist injury which could threaten her appearance in next week's Sydney International.

McCarthy-Schultz, who earlier Saturday won her quarter-final match against Spain's Maria Luisa Serna 6-1, 6-4 said the soreness in her right wrist, which she believes is the result of a loose ligament, had been bothering her all week.

## Henman moves into semis

DOHA, Jan 4: British rising star Tim Henman wrecked Magnus Gustafsson's 30th birthday celebrations here Friday, beating the Swede in straight sets to reach the last four of the 625,000 dollars Gatar Open, reports AFP.

Henman, ranked 29 in the world, won through 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) to set up a semifinal clash — his eighth in the past year on tour — with Moroccan Michah Azaiz. Azaiz, 23, booked his passage with a nail biting 7-6, 7-6 win over Magnus Larsson of Sweden.

## Seedings for Sydney Int'l

SYDNEY, Jan 4: Seedings for the Sydney international mixed and Tasmanian women's international tennis tournaments beginning Sunday (January 5).

Sydney international at White City, Sydney.

Men: 1 Goran Ivanisevic (Cro); 2 Wayne Ferreira (RSA); 3 Todd Martin (USA); 4 Alberto Costa (Spa); 5 Jan Steimerik (Ned); 6 Felix Mantilla (Spa); 7 Marc Rosset (Swi); 8 Petr Korda (Cze).

Women: 1 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (Spa); 2 Martina Hingis (Swi); 3 Iva Majoli (Cro); 4 Lindsay Davenport (USA); 5 Barbara Paulus (Aust); 6 Irina Spirlea (Rom); 7 Chanda Rubin (USA); 8 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (Ned).

## Cricketers to call the shots

PERTH, Jan 4: Many of the world's elite cricketers are calling for the urgent formation of an International Cricket Players' Association (ICPA) to give them a greater say in the running of their sport, says AP.

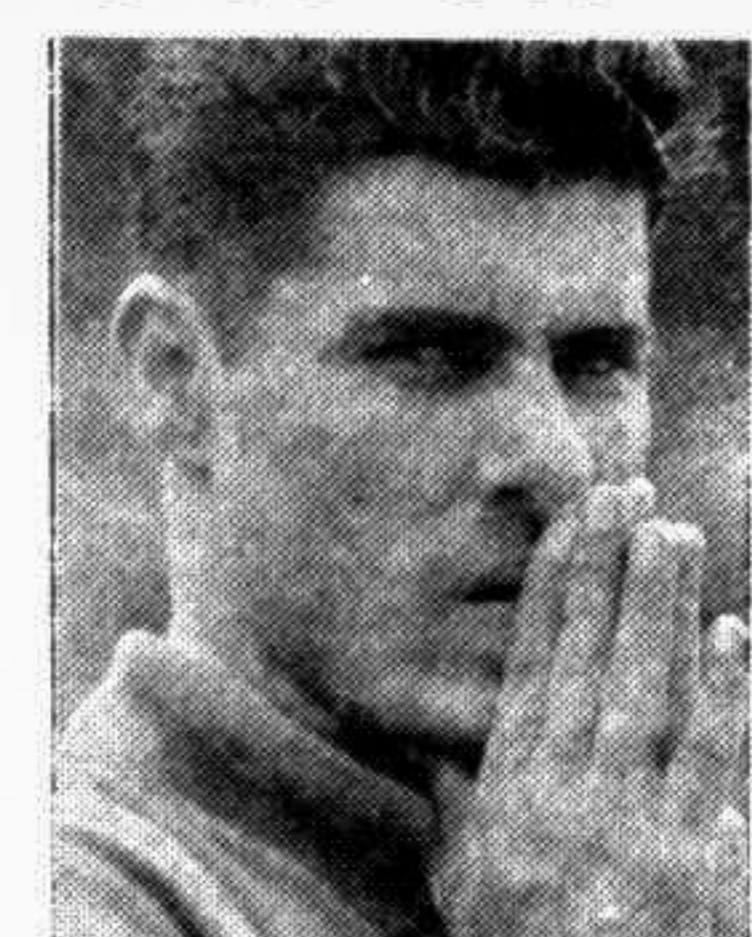
Waqar Younis, one of the game's finest bowlers, joined the call for fewer one-day, or limited-over matches to help international fast bowlers prolong their careers.

"Cricket is getting too much," Waqar said after a shoulder injury ruled him out of Friday's World Series limited-over match against the West Indies at the Gabba in Brisbane.

"There are too many one-dayers going," added Waqar, a veteran of 147 limited-over matches. "There is new pressure on you everyday."

In 1976 there were just six limited-over matches played. The figure rose to 62 in 1986 and in 1996 it exceeded 100 by the end of October.

Australian captain Mark Taylor and his West Indies



WAQAR YOUNIS

counterpart Courtney Walsh will include Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram in informal talks to consider the rights of international players.

Following complaints by the Australian Cricket Players' Association (ACPA) that recent limited-over matches and tournaments in Sri Lanka and India were not needed, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) is considering removing those events from future itineraries.

Waqar, 25, is nursing a strained bowling arm. "It is not just a matter of bowling 10 overs. It is the pressure you take in the bowling, in the field. It's too great."

In a summer ravaged by injuries to game's top fast bowlers — Curtly Ambrose of the West Indies, Australia's Craig McDermott and Damien Fleming and Younis, Walsh and Akram have endorsed Taylor's call for regular meetings of captains of the nine Test-playing nations.

And it may be that Taylor's call has been heard in the right places as it is understood the International Cricket Council (ICC) may host such a meeting at Lord's in England in mid-May.

"I am 100 per cent for such a move," Walsh said. "I think the cricketers should have a solid input in to it (running of the game) as well."

These days, international cricket calendars are bombarded with numbering number of one-day international matches in countries like Singapore, Canada and Kenya which bring in as much as US 700,000 dollars for participating nations in television revenue.

Walsh was speaking in his capacity as the president of the restructured West Indies Players' Association (WIPA) which has been successful in most ne-



Zimbabwe seamer Eddo Brandes in ecstasy on completion of a hat-trick against England during their third and final one-day match in Harare on Jan 3. Brandes eventually took five wickets for 28. —Reuters/UNB photo



Americans Chanda Rubin (L) and Justin Gimelstob show off the Hopman Cup trophy after beating Amanda Coetzer and Wayne Ferreira of South Africa in the final in Perth, Australia yesterday. The Americans won the mixed doubles 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 to clinch the title after the singles stood at 1-1. —AFP/UNB photo

## Mike & Co run the gauntlet

LONDON, Jan 4: A furious Tory MP has called for the planned England cricket tour to New Zealand to be abandoned and the team brought home in disgrace following Friday's humiliation by Zimbabwe, reports agencies.

MP Terry Dicks said he was ashamed of England's performance in the final one-day international against the lowly ranked Africans on Friday.

England lost by 131 runs in Harare after being bowled out for 118 in an innings that included five ducks. Their defeat meant a 3-0 drubbing in the one-day Test series.

"I am ashamed of the England team," said Dicks. "I think the tour should be abandoned now. They should not be allowed to go out to the sun in New Zealand. They should be brought home in disgrace. I would sack the management and half the team. I have never been so ashamed to be English."

Mike Atherton's side slumped to 77 for eight at one stage and only Robert Croft's unbeaten 30 and a defiant 20 from tail-ender Alan Mullally took England past their previous lowest one-day international total — 93 all out against Australia at Headingley during the 1975 World Cup.

Atherton's side are due to leave for New Zealand and the second leg of their winter tour today.

Meanwhile, former batting legend Geoff Boycott on Friday blasted England's lack of preparation for their disastrous tour of Zimbabwe and questioned whether they had enough team spirit.

"I think the problem is the preparation before we came. I don't think they had enough cricket preparation," the outspoken Yorkshireman told BBC radio after England slumped to a huge defeat in Harare.

"I don't call going to Portugal for a bit of golf and a bit of running about preparation for a winter cricket tour."

"We are not mentally tough. We do not produce bad cricketers but we have cricketers that seem too often not to perform to their best capabilities." Boycott charged.

"Zimbabwe made 250 playing sensible, good cricket. Why are our batsmen not doing the same?"

"You got the impression when we were in the field that our team didn't field, didn't play with the same spirit Zimbabwe did," Boycott concluded.

And the dejected skipper Atherton, in Harare, admitted England played very badly in the humiliating one-day series against Zimbabwe after his side slumped to a series whitewash on Friday.

But he was still defiant about his team's Test performances.

As former England captain Bob Willis described England as "going down the cricketing plug hole," Atherton claimed he was still confident about the rest of the tour in New Zealand.

Atherton said: "Zimbabwe played very well. They batted well, very positively and Eddo Brandes bowled a magic spell with the new ball. When you lose three wickets for 20 runs you are struggling to win the match."

He added: "We played poorly in the one-day internationals and have to rethink our strategy there."

"But in the Test matches I firmly believe we were the better side in both of these and given a better run with the rain would have come out winners."

Atherton refused to be drawn on his future as captain, saying only he would see what happened when his contract runs out at the end of the winter. But he insisted he — and the rest of

independent quoted lawmaker Terry Dicks as saying, "I would sack the management and half the team."

Under the headline "Spineless" the Daily Mail said the management and half the team.

The Daily Express announced the death of English cricket on the front page of its sports section.

"RIP English cricket, 1877-1997" was the headline. "English cricket collapsed and died yesterday in Zimbabwe, aged 120. Deeply mourned by friends and acquaintances, it was once a lively, talented character capable of taking on and beating the world, but had in recent years sadly shrunk to a shadow of its former self, unable to provide decent opposition for even the most junior of international teams."



MIKE ATHERTON

the side — were confident about the New Zealand leg of the tour.

"We have got to have confidence in ourselves and we are still confident of doing well in New Zealand," he said.

"It has been disappointing to lose here and disappointing to lose 3-0 but we are looking forward to New Zealand, to work hard and improve over there."

"No doubt people back home will be disappointed and upset and I am disappointed and upset — as are the players, but we are looking forward to getting it right in New Zealand."

The crisis also made the front and back pages with critics saying English cricket had reached a new low.

"Is this England's most humiliating defeat ever?" The Independent asked after Zimbabwe bowled England out for 118.

"They should be brought home in disgrace," the Independent

## An all-Aussie affair

ADELAIDE, Jan 4: Todd Woodbridge will play Scott Draper in an all-Australian final of the Australian Hardcourt tennis championship here Sunday after semifinal victories today, reports AFP.

It will be the first all-Australian final at Memorial Drive since the 1988 encounter between Woodbridge's doubles partner, Mark Woodforde, and Wally Masur.

In sweltering heat, Woodbridge fought back after losing a first set tiebreaker to beat Sweden's Mikael Tillstrom 6-7 (6/8), 7-6 (7/3), 6-3 in the opening semifinal while Draper was also pushed before beating fiery American qualifier Jeff Tarango 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

It will be Woodbridge's eighth career singles final and his first in Australia while Draper will be playing in his first final.

Woodbridge lost his last final in August against South African Wayne Ferreira in Toronto, Canada.

## Martin out of Sydney meet

SYDNEY, Jan 4: American Todd Martin has withdrawn from next week's ATP Tour event in Sydney, raising doubts over whether he will play in the Australian Open later this month, a tournament official said today, reports Reuters.

Martin, a losing finalist to compatriot Pete Sampras in the Melbourne Grand Slam three years ago, has been sidelined by tendinitis in his right shin. Sydney international tournament director Barry Masters said.

"This is really unfortunate for him because in addition to missing the Sydney international, he will be out of action for a few weeks," Masters said.

Martin, the world number 12 and defending Sydney international champion, said in a statement, "I really like playing in Sydney and ... hopefully I'll be back next year."

The Australian Open, the first Grand Slam of the year, is being held in Melbourne between January 13-26.

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