

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Martina Hingis

(Swiss tennis player)
"I wanted to be a model when I was young, but I wasn't talented enough. I would like to do some commercials. I like the glamour on the court."

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HOOPER ... m-o-m

Zealand's 297 for six to beat England at Adelaide in 1982-83, and gave the Windies a six-nil record over Australia in Brisbane.

It was the recharged West Indians' third straight win in the series after two losses to Australia and reflects the dramatic turnaround for the tourists, who were wallowing last month with seven straight tour defeats and down 2-0 in the Frank Worrell Trophy Test series.

Now Courtney Walsh's men are looking eagerly ahead to the remainder of the triangular series, also involving Pakistan, and the final two Tests against Australia in Adelaide and Perth after outclassing Australia in the third Melbourne Test late last month.

The West Indies were set a

Double delights for WI

BRISBANE, Jan 5: Brian Lara hit his first century on tour and Carl Hopper his first one-day hundred against Australia as the West Indies defied the odds to overhaul Australia's huge score and win their one-day cricket international here Sunday, reports AFP.

Lara, struggling for much of the Australian tour, clubbed 102 off 114 balls while Hopper steered the Caribbean tourists to the top of the triangular series standings with an unbeaten 110 off 108 balls.

Set 282 to win after Mark Waugh had cracked a majestic 102 and Stuart Law 93, the West Indies reached their summit with seven balls to spare and hit 284 for three.

It was the second highest successful chase in one-day games in Australia, after New

hefty run-rate of 5.64 per over to overhaul the Australians' highest one-day score of the series on a placid Gabba pitch, but with man-of-the-match Hopper in belligerent form clubbing Shane Warne for two fours his team were left with three runs to score off 10 balls.

Jimmy Adams, also back in form after a sluggish start to the Australian tour, was not out 34.

The West Indian team gave Hopper and Adams a standing ovation as they returned to the dressing room upon completing a monumental task against an Australian attack led by international one-day debutants, Andy Bichel and Anthony Stuart after Glenn McGrath injured a knee in net practice Saturday.

It was Lara's 10th limited-over century and his first since his 104 against New Zealand in Kingston last April.

Hopper continued his impressive tour form with his first one-day century against Australia and third overall.

Earlier, Waugh, opening the innings, hit five fours and two sixes in his ninth limited overs hundred while Lara fell seven runs short of a second one-day century after a freakish catch by Lara.

Law cut a short ball from paceman Ian Bishop and Lara, at a backward point, dived low to his left to take an outstanding one-handed catch at full stretch.

The Queensland right-hander hit two sixes and two fours in putting on 145 for the second wicket with Waugh, who had earlier made 57 with captain Mark Taylor who won the toss.

Law was also involved in the run outs of Mark Waugh and twin brother Steve for six.

Australia hit five sixes in the innings, more than in the first three Tests and first four one-dayers combined.

West Indies bowled poorly, pitching far too short on a superb batting track and sending down 17 no-balls.

Bishop was the exception with 1-33 from his 10 overs.

Australia's total was the second highest at The Gabba behind the 300 for five against Pakistan in 1989-90.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the limited-over World Series match between Australia and West Indies at the Gabba on Sunday: (Tabulate under played won, lost, points):

AUSTRALIA 5 3 2 6

Taylor c Murray b McLean 26

M Waugh run out 102

Law c Lara b Bishop 93
S Waugh run out 6
Bevan not out 18
Blewett not out 18
Extras: (lb-7, w-3, nb-8) 18
Total: (for 4 wkt, 50 overs) 281
Fall of wickets: 1-57; 2-202; 3-227; 4-253.

Did not bat: T Moody, I Healy, S Warne, A Bichel, A Stuart.

Bowling: O M R W

Walsh 8 0 50 1

Bishop 10 2 33 1

Ambrose 9 0 53 0

Hopper 7 0 52 0

McLean 6 0 23 1

Chanderpaul 2 0 16 0

Adams 8 0 47 0

WEST INDIES

Campbell c Healy b Bichel 6

Murray c Moody b Stuart 21

Lara c Bevan b Stuart 102

Hopper not out 110

Adams not out 34

Extras: (b-4, lb-4, w-3) 11

Total: (for 3 wkt, 48.5 overs) 284

Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-45; 3-

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Did not bat: S Chanderpaul, R Samuels, N McLean, I Bishop, C Ambrose, C Walsh.

Bowling: O M R W

Bichel 10 1 57 1

Stuart 10 0 48 2

Moody 6.5 0 50 0

Waugh 9 0 51 0

Bevan 10 0 46 0

S Waugh 3 0 24 4

Result: West Indies won by seven wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Carl Hopper.

STANDINGS

Standings in the World Series triangular limited-over cricket tournament on Sunday: (Tabulate under played won, lost, points):

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