

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Amanda Coetzer

(South African tennis star)
"It's always great to beat somebody like that for the first time. But to do it twice really makes me feel good, it gives me a lot of confidence."

After beating Staffi Graf in Australian Open.

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1	The name of Imran Khan's son is	Sulaiman	Bilal	Insaf
2	The current South African cricket coach is	Marshall	Woolmer	Wessels
3	The captain of PIA hockey team participating in the ongoing invitational international tournament is	Kamran	Khalid	Qamar
4	The number of hattricks recorded in ODI cricket till now are	11	12	10
5	Which team won the Bangabandhu Cup football trophy early this month?	Malaysia Red	Ujung Pandang	East Bengal

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Windies go broke at MCG
Pakistan's first WSC win

MELBOURNE, Jan 20: Pakistan captain Wasim Akram shrugged off injury to spearhead a fast bowling rout of West Indies as his team clinched the World Series Cup at the Melbourne Cricket ground today, report agencies.

The Pakistanis took the triangular limited overs competition for the first time after a decisive 62-run victory in the second match of the best-of-three finals.

They made only a modest 165 in 48.3 of their 50 overs but dispatched West Indies for 103 in 40.3 overs, Akram providing the inspiration despite being restricted by a niggling hamstring injury.

Not even a power that left the stadium in darkness for 24 minutes could distract Pakistan from their task in taking an unassailable 2-0 lead in the final.

The Pakistan skipper was clearly troubled by the injury in the field but he still generated extreme pace, bounce and movement off the seam from a short run-up to take three for 17.

Fellow fast bowler Shahid Nazir, drafted into the side to replace leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, justified his selection by exploiting a lively pitch to finish with outstanding figures of three for 14 from his 10 overs.

"We've been coming here to play in this tournament for 10 years and we've always got hammered," Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said.

This victory is special because we're missing three or four senior players but our young players performed really well and they believed in themselves. That was the key to us winning the tournament."

West Indies captain Courtney Walsh was at a loss to explain his side's dismal batting effort.

"We played eight batsmen and couldn't get 166," said Walsh. "That concerns me."

The lights went out with off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq walking back to his mark to bowl the second ball of the 35th over with the West Indies struggling at 85-7. The lights came back on just 24 minutes later to allow Pakistan to complete their win in front of 23,045 spectators.

While Pakistan's three-pronged spin attack has caused much of the damage this season, on Monday it was the pacemen who were responsible for the victory.

To cap off a miserable night for the West Indies star spearhead Curtly Ambrose appeared to reinjure himself while bat-

ting. Ambrose, who injured his groin during the first final, called for a runner after the 32nd over and could be in doubt for the fourth Test against Australia beginning in Adelaide on Saturday.

Walsh played down the injury concerns, saying Ambrose had not re-injured his groin but had re-injured his groin too.

wicket between Ijaz and Mohammad Wasim.

Ijaz Ahmed, top-scorer in Pakistan's four-wicket victory in the opening game in Sydney on Saturday, scored 45 to bolster the middle-order, while Mohammed Wasim hit 41 in the final overs off 79 balls.

Pakistan lifted the cup for



Pakistan captain Wasim Akram holds aloft the World Series trophy after his side won the best-of-three finals 2-0 against the West Indies in Melbourne yesterday.

— Reuter/UNB photo

had suffered a blow on the thigh while batting.

Skipper Akram was the hero of Monday's win, grabbing 3-17 in his initial six-over spell. The first of those wickets came in unusual fashion when Sherwin Campbell trod on his stumps in the first over.

Worse was soon to follow with Waqar Younis trapping the dangerous Junior Murray lbw with his first ball, leaving the West Indies 3-2 and Brian Lara, the man of the series, and Shivnarine Chanderpaul the task of rebuilding the in-

the first time in six attempts, earning 100,000 (79,000 dollars) in prize money. Hosts Australia failed to make the finals.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second match of the best-of-three limited overs World Series final between Pakistan and West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Monday:

PAKISTAN
Sohail c Lara b Cuffy
Afridi c Lara b Walsh
Elahi c Lara b Walsh
Ijaz c Murray b Simmons
Inzamam run out

Botham's aim

ADELAIDE, Jan 20: Former England captain Ian Botham said Monday he has plenty to offer English cricket and wants to soon coach the national team, reports AP.

A technical adviser to the English team during its disappointing tour of Zimbabwe, the champion all-rounder said at a cricket club dinner Monday that it was his short-term aim to get the job now held by David Lloyd.

"It will be nice to pass on my experience, preferably in the next few years rather than in 30 years' time when I've forgotten it all," Botham said.

A veteran of 102 Tests match during which he scored 5,200 runs (an average of 33.54) and took 383 wickets (avege 28.4), Botham was reported to be upset that he was not consulted before selecting England's side for the second Test against Zimbabwe, which was cut short due to rain.

England drew both Tests and lost all three limited-overs matches.

He said while comprehensively beaten in the one-day series against the fledgling cricket nation, England's performance in the Test series was positive.

"The two Tests I think we technically won," he said. "The Tests we played well in, but the one-dayers we played pretty ordinary cricket."

While he refused to speculate on England's chance of winning this year's Ashes Series against Australia, he said Australia's poor showing in the current one-day World Series here proved England was not the only team struggling.

"It might be a little closer than you think," he said.

England play the first Test against New Zealand beginning Friday in Auckland. Australia begin play in the fourth Test against the West Indies on Saturday in Adelaide, leading the five-Test series 2-1.

UAE soccer coach sacked

ABU DHABI, Jan 20: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) have sacked Croatian coach Tomislav Ivic following their failure to win the Asian Cup last December, reports AFP.

The UAE, who hosted the tournament, got into the final but lost in a penalty shoot-out to Saudi Arabia.

Terminating his contract was in the interest of the two sides. We took this decision only after we were convinced there must be a change," said Sheikh Abdullah Ibn-e-Zayed Al-Nahayan, head of the UAE football federation.

Ivic, who had a 375,000 dollars a year contract, was told of the sacking only days after he had left on holiday.

He will be replaced by Lorri Sandri, a Brazilian coach at the Al-Ain Sports Club.

Fiorentina hold Sampdoria

ROME, Jan 20: Roberto Mancini's cheeky backshell set up David Ballerini for a dramatic last-minute equaliser to give second-place Sampdoria a 1-1 draw at Fiorentina on Sunday and keep up the pressure on league leaders Juventus, reports Reuters.

Unbeaten in their last five games, Sampdoria now have 29 points from 17 matches — just one point fewer than Juventus although the European champions can widen that gap in a late-night match against Lazio at Rome's Olympic Stadium.

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