

AUSSIE OPEN AT A GLANCE

MELBOURNE, Jan 20 (AP): Highlights of Monday's 8th day of the US dls 7.6 million Australian Open tennis championships.

WEATHER — Very hot. Afternoon temperature was 104 degrees (40 C).

RESULTS — MEN'S SINGLES, FOURTH ROUND: No 1 Pete Sampras beat Dominik Hrbaty 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; No 3 Goran Ivanisevic beat Christian Ruud 4-6, 6-2, 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 6-1; No 5 Thomas Muster beat No 11 Jim Courier 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3; No 10 Albert Costa beat No 8 Wayne Ferreira 6-3, 6-2, 3-2 retired.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, FOURTH ROUND: No 4 Martina Hingis beat Ruxandra Dragomir 7-6, (8-6), 6-1; No 8 Irina Spirlea beat No 9 Karina Habsudova 6-4, 6-4; No 14 Mary Joe Fernandez beat Patty Schnyder 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; Dominique van Roost beat No 15 Chanda Rubin 7-5, 6-4.

STAT OF THE DAY — Ivanisevic served 38 aces in beating Ruud.

QUOTE OF THE DAY — "The conditions today were inhumane." — Van Roost on the oppressive heat during her win over Rubin.

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AJAX SC: 195 all out in 44.4 overs (Maqsood Raja 57, Khan 32, Raju 32, Shahnewaz 2/18). **AZAD SC:** 171 all out in 41.2 overs (Rana 43, Nasim 36, Aslam 26, Lucky 3/24). **Result:** Ajax SC won by 24 runs.

Ajax Sporting Club defeated Azad Sporting Club by 24 runs in a First Division cricket league match at the City Club ground yesterday.

Electing to bat first, Ajax were all out for 195 in 44.4 overs with Pakistani Maqsood Raja hammering highest 57.

In reply, Azad were bundled out for 171 in 41.2 overs. Rana (43) and Nasim (36) were the leading run getters for the losers.

England warm up well

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Jan 20: England's smooth progress towards this week's first cricket Test against New Zealand continued unperturbed today when they beat Northern Districts by 10 wickets with more than four sessions to spare, reports Reuter.

Northern Districts, who began the third day of the four-day match on 99 for one, were dismissed for 259, leaving England 35 to win, which openers Nick Knight and captain Mike Atherton got in 8.1 overs.

That gave England two first-class wins well inside the distance since their arrival in New Zealand, and Atherton admitted his pre-Test plans for the team had worked out ideally.

"I'm delighted with the way we've started the New Zealand tour," he said.

"... we've controlled them throughout, played good cricket and haven't really had a bad session."

Another piece in England's Test puzzle fell into place in the first hour today when fast medium bowler Darren Gough removed overnight batsmen Blair Pocock and Matthew Bell in an excellent seven-over spell.

Gough bowled Bell with the fourth ball of the day, without the batsman adding to his overnight 35.

Te then had Pocock leg before wicket, playing across the line, for 69.

Alan Mullally warmed up for the first Test with a useful return of four for 52, Gough finished with three for 51 and Chair White took two for 61.

England will travel to Auckland on Tuesday morning and have two days training before the first Test starts on Friday.

England's injured key fast bowler Dominic Cork said today he was hopeful of being fit for the first Test.

Cork damaged his lower back on Sunday while bowling against Northern Districts. An X-ray today showed no bone fracture and the injury was believed to be a soft-tissue problem.

Bergkamp baffles Everton

LONDON, Jan 20: Dennis Bergkamp at his majestic best inspired Arsenal to a 3-1 win over Everton on Sunday as the North London side stepped up their challenge for the Premier league title, reports Reuter.

Bergkamp, who now begins a three-match suspension after being sent off against Sunderland, opened the scoring 10 minutes after the interval and two minutes later Frenchman Patrick Viera put the home side further ahead.

Paul Merson scored Arsenal's third goal after Bergkamp stole the ball off Dave Watson at the halfway line. The Dutchman strode through the Everton defence and unleashed a thunderous shot which Neville Southall parried to Merson who tapped the ball in to an empty net.

Dunchan Ferguson grabbed a goal in the last minute for Everton when he rose high above the Arsenal defenders and headed the ball past David Seaman.

Arsenal now have 43 points, three behind leaders Liverpool and one adrift of second-placed Manchester United.

Brothers bring Bagan down

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But it was Gem, who returning to his second spell served the final blow to Kalabagan's bid by sending off a menacingly poised Monzoor Elahi. The former Pakistan international, instrumental for his sides victories in their last three matches, scored a run-a-ball 20 before being outfoxed by a flighted delivery from Gem. And when Jahanigir effected the regulation stumping, it heralded the end of Monzoor's unbeaten status in the league. The hard-hitting Pakistani remained unbeaten in his three previous appearances which also included two half-centuries.

Aamir Hanif, a potential Pakistani recruit of Brothers Union, then mopped up the Kalabagan tail to finish with three for 39 in his ten economic overs. Earlier, the Brothers total

155 runs in 31.5 overs to lay a solid foundation for a huge total.

Wahidul, ignored in Brothers previous four matches, celebrated his rare call to open the innings with a blazing 76 off 91 balls. The attacking right-hander hammered half a dozen fours and a huge sixer in his whirlwind knock. While Jahanigir scored a patient 64 off 106 balls embellished with a quartet of boundaries.

But after the rollicking start Brothers suffered a mini-collapse losing three wickets for the addition of 14 runs to their total. Aamir Hanif returned for a duck while skipper Farique Ahmed fell for only four.

For Kalabagan, skipper Sai-

BRIEF SCORES

BROTHERS UNION: 249 all out in 49.5 overs (Wahidul Islam 76, Jahanigir Alam 64, Zahid Ahmed 31, Saiful Islam 4/48, Zakir Hossain 3/33).

KALABAGAN KC: 207 all out in 47.3 overs (Selim Shahid 44, Saiful Islam 30, Zakaria 25, Monzoor Elahi 20, Saiful Islam 5/28, Aamir Hanif 3/39).

hausted their quota of 11 first phase engagements with 18 points, still two points clear from other chasers — Abahani, Brothers Union and Bangladesh Biman. All the three flocked in the second position collecting 16 points with one match hands.

Meanwhile, in the day's match Gem, the most consistent performer in the league so far, coming in as a first change in the sixth over, more than justified his skipper Farique Ahmed's decision by removing Kalabagan openers in successive overs. Atair departed for 14 when Gem had him caught by Enamul Haq Moni at mid-on. Liton perished in the next over scoring only 16, leaving Kalabagan at 35/2 in 9.1 overs.

The orthodox left-arm spinner then went on to dismiss Shahid Saeed in the 14th over. The Pakistani right-hander was on only four when he went for a big hit, but ended up offering Moni his second catch in the match at long-on. And Kalabagan were reeling at 46/3.

One-down Selim Shahid and Zakaria Imtiaz, however, tried to steady the rocking boat putting on 60 runs for the fourth wicket. But once Aamir Hanif dismissed a portly Zakaria for 25, Brothers' batting line-up tailed in, letting the asking run rate ticking up. Selim Shahid, who with a gritty 44, top-scored for his side, fell in 34th over.

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