

Zimbabwe dig own grave

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Apr 6: Pakistan emphasised their one-day supremacy by fighting back to score a facile 93-run victory in the Sharjah Cup here today, reports AFP.

Zimbabwe appeared set to improve their 1-10 record against the former world champions when they bowled out Pakistan for a modest 187 and then reached 39 for no loss by the ninth over.

But a mixture of poor batting and reckless running between the wickets saw Zimbabwe collapse to 94 all out of just 31.4 overs — their lowest one-day score.

Four batsmen were run out attempting needless singles, while the top-order were guilty of throwing away their wickets against sustained pressure from Wasim Akram's potent bowling force.

Opener Craig Wishart ran himself out in going for a risky second run after hitting a six earlier in the over, while skipper Alistair Campbell gave off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq an easy return catch in trying to score a third successive boundary.

Only former captain Andy Flower showed an inclination to stay at the wicket, remaining unbeaten on 21 off 62 balls as wickets fell at regular intervals at the other end.

Leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed took two for 20 from seven overs, while the other four bowlers shared a wicket each during Zimbabwe's suicidal batting display.

It was Pakistan's first win in the three-nation tournament following their 19-run loss to world champions Sri Lanka on Friday.

Zimbabwe, who lost their opening match to Sri Lanka, face the tough task of winning both return games in the second-leg of the preliminary league to stay in the hunt for the April 11 final.

Campbell admitted after the match that his batsmen let the side down.

"It's not everyday a team bowls out Pakistan for under 200, but we just did not apply ourselves at the crease.

"It was very disappointing, but I am hoping for an improved performance in our two remaining matches," he said.

A delighted Akram attributed the win to fine teamwork and good fielding.

Pakistan has always done well under pressure and today was further proof of that. We fought all the way.

The disappointment of losing to Sri Lanka is behind us and hopefully we will beat them a second time around on Monday, he said.

Zimbabwe's previous lowest total was 99 against the West Indies during the Hero Cup tournament in India in 1993.

The defeat undid the good work of the Zimbabwe bowlers who shot out Pakistan for a modest 187 after Akram won the toss and elected to bat.

The Zimbabweans rode on leg-spinner Paul Strang's economical one for 29 from 10 overs to run through the innings.

As Strang bottled up one end, the Pakistanis gifted their wickets in trying to force the pace on a slow pitch.

Unheralded seamer Everton Matambanadzo ruined Pak-

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Ijaz c Streak b Matambanadzo 1
Malik b Strang 33
Inzamam c and b Whittall 46
M Wasim c Streak b Whittall 27
Moin c Brandes b Streak 11
Wasim Akram b Streak 5
Saqlain run out 3
Mushtaq not out 10
Extras:(lb-6, w-7, nb-1) 14
Total: 187



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istan's start by removing Shahid Afridi and Ijaz Ahmed in the space of five balls to make it nine for two by the fourth over.

Pakistan slipped to 67 for four by the 22nd over when the experienced duo of Rameez Raja (20) and Salim Malik (33) also

departed in quick succession.

Man-of-the-match Inzamam-ul-Haq, whose 46 included two consecutive sixes off Andrew Whittall, and young Muhammad Wasim (27) put on 71 for the fifth wicket, before Guy Whittall removed both batsmen in the 39th over.

Fast bowler Heath Streak then chipped in with the wickets of Moin Khan and skipper Wasim Akram in the 44th over.

Waqar Younis was run out off the final delivery to leave Zimbabwe facing a victory target of 3.76 runs an over.

SCOREBOARD

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Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-9; 3-58; 4-67.5; 5-138; 6-143; 7-157; 8-157; 9-164

Bowling:

O	M	R	N
Brandes	8	0	24
Matambanadzo	8	0	25
Streak	10	1	37
Strang	10	2	29
A Whittall	4	0	29
G Whittall	10	0	37

ZIMBABWE

C Wishart run out 29
G Flower run out 14
E Brandes b Akram 2
A Campbell c and b Saqlain 8
G Whittall c Ijaz b Younis 1
A Flower not out 21
S Carlisle c Akram b Mushtaq 4
P Strang c Raja b Afridi 1
H Streak run out 1
A Whittall lbw b Mushtaq 0
E Matambanadzo run out 0
Extras:(lb-1, w-5) 6
Total:(all out in 31.4 overs) 94

Fall of wickets: 1-39; 2-47; 3-57; 4-58; 5-61; 6-78; 7-87; 8-90; 9-93

Bowling:

O	M	R	N
Akram	7	0	25
Younis	6	1	14
Mushtaq	7	0	20
Saqlain	5	0	23
Afridi	6.4	1	11

Result: Pakistan won by 93 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Inzamam-ul-Haq.

Monday's match: Pakistan v Sri Lanka.

Pushpakumara to replace Zoysa

SHARJAH, Apr 6: World champions Sri Lanka have called up a replacement for their injured paceman Nuwan Zoysa, team manager Duleep Mendis said Sunday, reports AP.

Eighteen-year-old Zoysa has pulled a thigh muscle and will be out for the three-nation Sharjah Cup, Mendis said.

The team is calling in Ravindra Pushpakumara as Zoysa's replacement. Zoysa was hurt during the opening match against Zimbabwe. He did not play Friday against Pakistan either.

Sri Lanka won both matches, beating Zimbabwe by seven wickets and Pakistan by 19 runs.

Pushpakumara, a member of the World Cup-winning squad, is expected to arrive in the Emirates Sunday night.

Another worry for Sri Lankans is the all-rounder Sanath Jayasuriya, who is nursing a torn rib muscle.

But Jayasuriya, who is expected to compete Monday against Pakistan, said he might be rested from the last league match if they qualify for the final with a victory.

Family Circle Cup tennis

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, Apr 6 (Reuters): Results from 926,260 dollars Family Circle Cup women's tennis tournament on Saturday (prefix number denotes seeding):

Quarterfinals:
1-Martina Hingis (Switzerland) beat 14-Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (Netherlands) 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.
4-Monica Seles (US) beat 5-Conchita Martinez (Spain) 6-3, 6-4.

WC qualifier

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Cambodia tried to fight back early in the second half and Hok Sochetra had the first chance, but his shot in the 3rd minute was headed away by Sudirman.

Three minutes later, Lubis scored his second goal, volleying a long pass from Widodo.

Cambodia had another chance in the 22nd minute, but Chan Anureath's long shot was tipped away by Indonesian goalie Risdianto Rahardjo.

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Paul Haarhuis (L) and Jacco Eltingh from the Netherlands celebrate victory against the United States after their Davis Cup doubles match in Newport Beach, CA on April 5.

Dutch hopes kept alive

LONDON, Apr 6: Paul Haarhuis and Jacco Eltingh relied on booming serves to defeat Rick Leach and Jonathan Stark 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 Saturday and prevent the United States from sweeping its Davis Cup quarterfinal against the Netherlands, reports AP.

The Americans take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 series into Sunday's reverse singles matches in Newport Beach, California. A victory by either Andre Agassi or Jim Courier would send the United States into the semifinals in September.

Haarhuis and Eltingh, ranked among the world's top six teams, improved to 3-0 in Davis Cup doubles when the Netherlands trails 2-0.

"We try to put everything aside. We forget it's Davis Cup," Eltingh said. "We just have to think about our own level. If our own level is good enough, we can beat anyone in the world."

The gusting winds and unseasonably cold temperatures that affected Friday's matches disappeared Saturday. A slight breeze rippled the orange flags waved by the Dutch fans, who again wore painted faces and foam wooden shoes on their heads.

There were just four service breaks in the two-hour, 24-minute match, and three of them went to the Dutch. Leach and Stark got in 69 per cent of their first serves to the Dutch team's 59 per cent, but they were 1-of-8 on break chances.

"We had a lot of chances, but we couldn't capitalize on them because they came up with big serves," said Leach, who lives in nearby Laguna Beach and belongs to the Palisades Tennis Club where the matches are being played.

Ahead 2-1 in the second set, the Americans blew three break points on Haarhuis' serve. He held after three deuce points when Stark's service return sailed long.

Eltingh's backhand winner down the middle broke Stark in the ninth game and then Eltingh served out the set 6-4 with an ace.

"We played better than them on the big games, big points," Haarhuis said. "They won love games on their service, but when it came down to games where it was 15-30, 30-all, 30-40, we played better."

The Americans again failed to convert two break points when leading 2-1 in the third. But Stark survived a break point down 15-40 on his serve. After he and Leach hit winners, the Dutch made two straight unforced errors to put the Americans ahead 3-2.

Leach's crosscourt forehand winner gave the United States its only break of the match on Haarhuis' serve in the sixth

game. Leach and Strak wrapped up the set 6-3.

Both teams stayed on serve in the set until the eighth game. With Leach serving, the Americans had the advantage on the second deuce, but Haarhuis hit a forehand winner down the middle for break point.

Haarhuis took Leach's serve and smacked a backhand winner down the alley for a 5-3 lead. The Dutch needed three match points before Eltingh's ace won the match.

Haarhuis came up with some really good shots. He did that the whole match," Stark said. "Maybe we should have played Jacco a little bit. We were out there trying our hardest. It was just a few points that they came up on the better side."

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Australia square series

DURBAN, Apr 6: Two wickets in successive overs from leg-spinner Shaun Warne helped Australia to level their seven-match one-day series against South Africa at 2-2 with a 15-run victory at Kingsmead on Saturday, report agencies.

Warne removed Daryll Cullinan for 38 and opener Adam Bacher for 45 to put the skids under a South African chase for 212 in the fourth game which began promisingly.

Seamer Andy Bichel then strangled the South African middle order with figures of three for 43 and, although man-of-the-match Shaun Pollock struck 41 not out to give his team a fighting chance in the closing overs, Australia squared the series with 11 deliveries to spare.

South Africa had recovered from the early loss of opener Herschelle Gibbs for no score and appeared to be heading for a comfortable victory as Bacher and Cullinan shared in a second-wicket stand of 80 in 24 overs.

Both batsmen were helped by a dropped catch apiece. Skipperke Adam Gilchrist at first slip but Warne then triggered the collapse as South Africa lost four wickets for just eight

runs.

Warne first removed Cullinan and Bacher. Jonny Rhodes was forced for one by a Jason Gillespie inswinger and Jacques Kallis was run out for one by Steve Waugh.

Captain Hansie Cronje (28) and Derek Crookes (17) regrouped with a sixth-wicket partnership of 36 but South



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Africa's most likely chance of snatching victory was with Pollock's 10th-wicket assault of 36 runs in only three overs with Allan Donald.

Earlier, a fighting 77 by Gilchrist helped Australia recover from 83 for five to 211-3. Gilchrist had only joined the tour as a replacement when Ian Healy, captain in this encounter, was given a two-match suspension.

And the Western Australian was only called in as a replacement batsman when an injury forced mark Waugh out of the line-up.

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But Gilchrist, who hit five boundaries and two sixes in his invaluable 88-ball knock, snatched back the initiative to give the Australian bowlers a reasonable total to defend on a good wicket.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day international between South Africa and Australia at Kingsmead on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA

Venuto run out 14
Blewett c Crookes b Bryson 53
Law c Kallis b Pollock 0
S Waugh c Crookes b Donald 1
Bevan run out 0
Gilchrist c Cronje b Pollock 77
Healy c Richardson b Pollock 19
Warne b Bryson 12
Bichel lbw b Pollock 17
Dale not out 10
Gillespie not out 5
Extras:(lb-2, nb-1) 3
Total:(for 211 wickets in 50 overs) 211

Fall of wickets: 1-29; 2-40; 3-48; 4-59; 5-83; 6-129; 7-153; 8-195; 9-198.

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	2	33
Bryson	10	0	47
Donald	10	0	37
Kallis	7	0	34
Crookes	10	0	40
Cronje	3	0	18

SOUTH AFRICA

Bacher lbw b Warne 45
Gibbs c S Waugh b Dale 0
Cullinan c and b Warne 38
Kallis run out (S Waugh) 1
Rhodes b Gillespie 1
Cronje b Bichel 28
Crookes b Bichel 17
Pollock not out 41
Richardson lbw b Bichel 0
Bryson c Warne b Blewett 9
Donald run out (Warne) 6
Extras:(lb-6, w-4) 10
Total:(all out in 48.1 overs) 196

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-81; 3-88; 4-89; 5-89; 6-125; 7-143; 8-143; 9-165.

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Dale	10	2	22
Bichel	10	0	43
Gillespie	9	3	30
Law	3	0	16
Warne	8.1	1	36
S Waugh	5	0	25
Blewett	3	0	18

Australia won by 15 runs, series level at 2-2.

Sorensen wins Tour of Flanders World Cup

MEERBEKE, Belgium, Apr 6: Dane Sorensen broke away on the long home stretch to win the Tour of Flanders World Cup classic Sunday, beating his closest challengers, Frederic Moncassini of France and Italy's Franco Ballerini by five seconds, reports AP.

The top three made their vital break with 9 kilometers (6 miles) to go after ten riders were still packed together following the 15 steep hills that dotted the 256-kilometre (161-mile) trek through Flanders fields.

Ukraine's Andrei Tchmil finished fourth, 17 seconds behind, ahead of Italians Davide Casarotto and Claudio Chiappucci.

The World Cup classic was run under a brilliant sunshine, considerably easing race conditions.

Laurent Jalabert, second in the world rankings, did much of the work early on and made sure the pack of 200 was reduced to a select two dozen challengers with 50 kilometers (30 miles) to go.

Jalabert attacked on the Taaienberg six hills from the finish, and only Sorensen was able to immediately follow him.

But as good as Jalabert looked early on, he faded quickly. On the Berendries climb two hills later, Sorensen left the Frenchman behind and was joined by two Italians, Ballerini and Davide Casarotto, and Belgian Peter Van Petegem.

On the toughest climb of all, the cobblestoned Wall of Geraardsbergen.

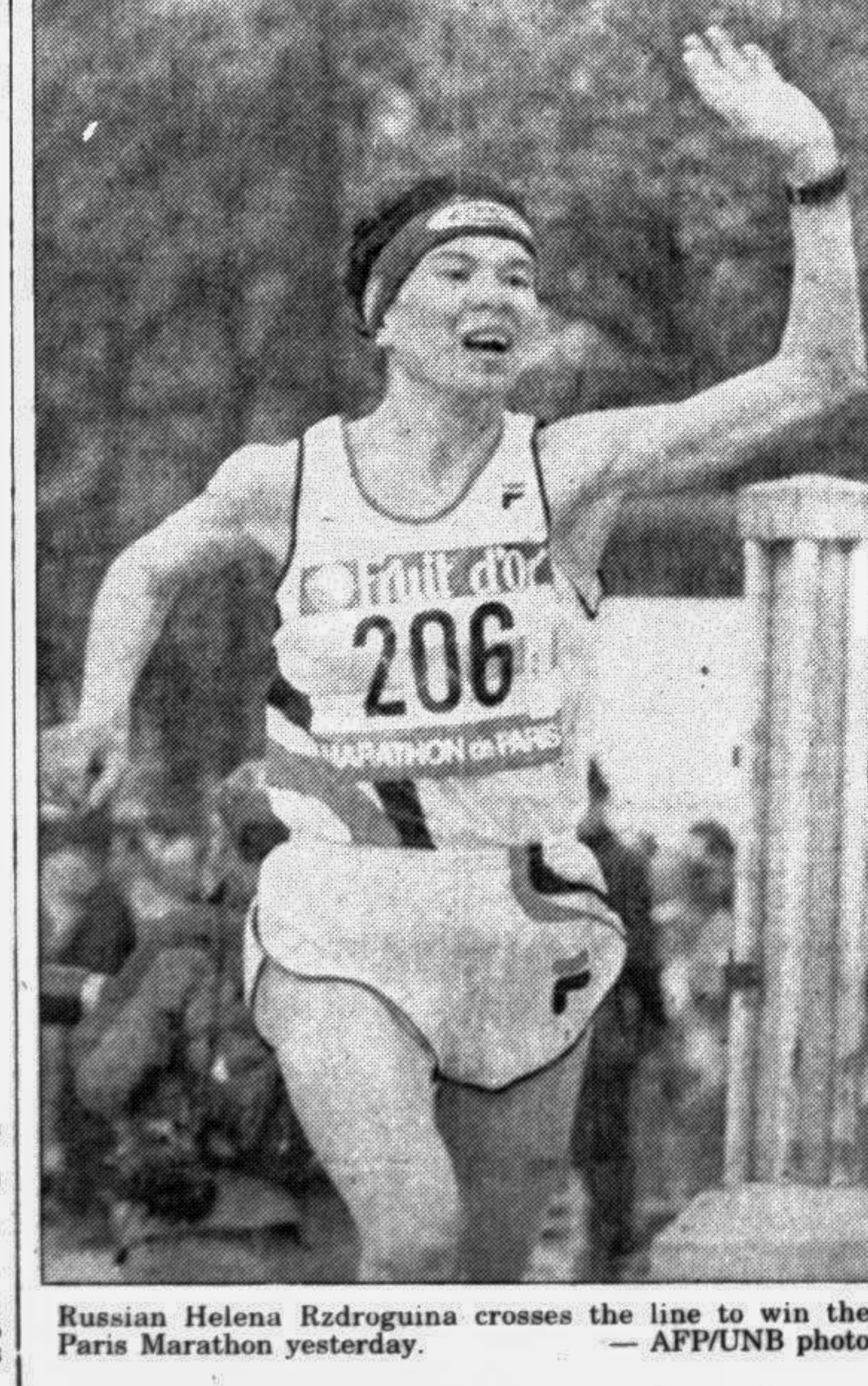
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Russian Helena Rzdroguina crosses the line to win the Paris Marathon yesterday.

Italy move into last four

PESARO, Italy, Apr 6: Unfancied Italy dumped Spain out of the Davis Cup on Saturday by snatching an unassailable 3-0 lead in their World Group quarterfinal tie, reports Reuters.

Omar Camporese and Diego Nargiso collapsed onto the indoor court in an exhausted embrace after a three-hour 5-7, 7-6 (7-0), 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) victory over Javier Sanchez and Francisco Roig.

"These have been two fantastic days," said non-playing captain Adriano Panatta, who was raised shoulder-high by team officials to cheers from the 5,000 strong Italian crowd.

"I am happy for them and I'm happy for myself. The semifinal is a great goal and we've reached it two years running, now we're going to rest a bit," he said.

Italy were knocked out of the last four by France last year and went into the tie in Pesaro, on the Adriatic holiday coast, talking down their chances of victory.

Spain fielded two players in the world's top 12 and had been highly favoured to win the tie.

On Friday, Camporese, ranked 156th, came from two sets down to beat ninth-ranked Carlos Moya in the opening singles while Italian number one Renzo Furlan overcame Alberto Costa, ranked 12th, in another five-setter.

Italy face either Sweden or South Africa in the semifinal. Sweden led South Africa 2-1 after Saturday's doubles.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Rajshahi Road Division, Rajshahi RHD Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No. : 21-RRD of 1996-97 Eng.
- Name of works : Earth work in road embankment at different KM of Rajshahi city by-pass road under RHD, Road Division, Rajshahi in 2 (Two) groups during the year 1996-97 Eng.
- Chargeable head : As per group list.
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : As per group list.
- Time allowed for completion of work : As per group list.
- Eligibility of bidder : Up to 15-4-97 Eng./2-1-1404 Beng. during office hours.
- Last date for selling of tender documents : 16-4-97 Eng/3-1-1404 Beng. up to 12-30 PM.
- Last date & time for receiving tenders : 21-4-1997 Eng/8-1-1404 Beng. at 11-00 AM.
- Name of offices where tender documents will be sold : i). Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi. (Above 10.00 lac).
ii). Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Rajshahi.
iii). Executive Engineer, RHD, Pabna Road Division, Pabna.
iv). Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Nawabganj.
v). Executive Engineer, RHD, Naogaon Road Division, Naogaon.
vi). Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning Division (Road & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
vii). Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-VII/III, Rajshahi.
viii). Assistant Engineer, RHD, 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Rajshahi.
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- Date of lottery & time : 24-4-1997 Eng. at 11.30 AM.

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 for the work are hereby invited from the enlisted RHD contractors of general category according to their financial limit & will be received by the offices mentioned above on the date & time fixed for opening of the tenders.

Tender documents, consisting of BD Form No. 2911, notice inviting tenders, schedule of items of works, instructions to the contractors, additional terms & conditions, materials specification, technical specification of works and particulars of contractors etc. will be available for sale in the office mentioned above during office hours on all working days up to the last date for selling tender documents at usual RHD Rate. The tenders will be opened on the date & time fixed for the same in presence of the intending tenderers or their authorised representative who may like to remain present.

To ascertain availability of local materials/skilled labour/labour, carrying facilities transportation of materials, situation of work, the services required to fulfil the contractual obligation etc. it is advised to purchase tender documents well ahead of last date of selling tenders.

14. Group list of works.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Group No.	Name of work with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money to be deposited in TC/BD/CD from any scheduled bank Bonus or Protirakhaya Sanchayaptra in favour of EE, RHD, Road Divn, Rajshahi.	Time allowed for completion of work from the date of issue of work order	Category of contractor
1.	21-RRD of 1996-97	(One)	Remaining earth work in road embankment at 20th (P) & 21st (P) KM of Rajshahi city by-pass road under RHD, Road Division, Rajshahi during the year 1996-97. Ch. to: 266-C/A (ADP).	Tk. 24,75,616/=	Tk. 49,513/=	90 (Ninety) days.	RHD enlisted contractor of general category from 'A' to 'D' as per rule.
2.	21-RRD of 1996-97	(Two)	Earth work in road embankment at 9th (P) KM of Rajshahi city by-pass road under RHD, Road Division, Rajshahi during the year 1996-97. Ch. to: 266-C/A (ADP).	Tk. 13,78,511/=	Tk. 27,571/=	60 (Sixty) days.	-do- -do- From 'A' to 'D' as per rule.