

Davis Cup roundup

UNDATED: Apr 7: (Reuters) Following are results of the Davis Cup matches on Sunday: Hosts the United States took an unbeatable 3-1 lead in their Davis Cup quarterfinal tie against the Netherlands.

Singles: Andre Agassi (US) beat Jan Siemerink (the Netherlands) 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Hosts Chile beat Argentina 3-2 in their Davis Cup American Zone Group One second round tie after the reverse singles rubbers.

Marcelo Rios (Chile) beat Hernan Gumy (Argentina) 6-4, 7-6, 6-4.

Javier Frana (Argentina) beat Gabriel Silberstein (Chile) 6-4, 6-4.

In London Zimbabwe won both reverse singles to beat Britain 4-1 in their Davis Cup Euro/African Zone Group One second round tie.

Results (Zimbabwe names first):

Byron Black beat Jamie Delgado 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.

Wayne Blake beat Andrew Richardson 6-3, 6-7, (5-7), 7-6 (7-2).

Hosts Belgium beat Denmark 3-2 in their Davis Cup Europe/Africa Zone Group One second round tie.

Results (Belgians names first):

Doubles (Postponed from Saturday):

Flip Dewulf/Libor Bimek lost to Frederik Fetterlein/Kenneth Carlsson 3-6, 5-7, 6-4.

Reverses singles: Johan van Herck beat Kenneth Carlsson 6-4, 6-1, 7-5.

Flip Dewulf beat Frederik Fetterlein 6-0, 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, 6-1.

ATP's top 20

MONACO, Apr 7 (Reuters): Leading rankings issued by the ATP Tour today:

Player	Points
1. Sampras (US)	5,666
2. Muster (Austria)	4,080
3. Chang (US)	3,554
4. Kafelikov (Russia)	3,147
5. Ivanisevic (Croatia)	2,710
6. Krajicek (Netherlands)	2,598
7. Enqvist (Sweden)	2,312
8. Moya (Spain)	2,180
9. Rios (Chile)	2,168
10. Ferreira (South Africa)	1,940
11. Becker (Germany)	1,863
12. Costa (Spain)	1,857
13. Martin (US)	1,693
14. Mantilla (Spain)	1,681
15. Henman (Britain)	1,611
16. Edberg (Sweden)	1,510
17. Courier (US)	1,452
18. Rosset (Switzerland)	1,444
19. Berasategui (Spain)	1,443
20. Bruguera	1,437

Lankans waltz into final



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Apr 7: World champions Sri Lanka qualified for the Sharjah Cup final with an emphatic 51-run victory over Pakistan here today, reports AFP.

Defending a score of 251 for seven, led by Aravinda de Silva's masterly 134 off 131 balls, Sri Lanka shot out Pakistan for 200 in 45.4 overs.

Sri Lanka's third successive win in the preliminary league, also featuring Zimbabwe, ensured their place in Friday's final.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Sharjah Cup limited-over cricket match between Sri Lanka and Pakistan on Monday:

SRI LANKA	W
Jayasuriya c Waqar b Malik	67
Kaluwitharana lbw b Waqar	3
Atapattu lbw b Waqar	0
A de Silva c Waqar b Saqlain	134
Ranatunga c Akram b Malik	1
Mahanama c Moin b Afridi	12
Tillekeratne c and b Saqlain	13
Dharmasena not out	10
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-3)	11
Total: (seven wickets in 50 overs)	251
Did not bat: Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralitharan, Sajeewa de Silva.	
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-11; 3-	



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Sweden move into semis



VAXJO, Sweden, Apr 7: Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman beat South African Grant Stafford in a tense five-setter on Sunday to give favorites Sweden a 3-2 Davis Cup win and a slot in the semifinals for the sixth straight year, reports Reuters.

Bjorkman beat Stafford 3-6, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 in two hours 28 minutes in his home town of Vaxjo.

Bjorkman, partnered by Nicklas Kulti, also clinched the doubles match for Sweden on Saturday, beating South African duo David Adams and Ellis Ferreira.

"After good preparation this week I really felt good," said Bjorkman, ranked 23 in the world.

Swedish vice captain Anders Jarryd said: "I did expect it would be a tough match. When it comes down to a fifth match it is always going to be a difficult match."

South African captain Danie Visser praised his players saying: "the guys don't have all that much experience yet but we are going to be tougher every year."

The tie was level 1-1 after the opening singles on Friday when Sweden's number one Thomas Enqvist beat 69th-ranked

135: 4-137: 5-171: 6-193: 7-251	135: 4-137: 5-171: 6-193: 7-251
Bowling	O M R W
Akram	7 0 34 0
Waqar	8 0 60 2
Saqlain	10 0 42 2
Mushtaq	6 0 37 0
Afridi	10 0 30 1
Malik	9 0 42 2

PAKISTAN	W
Sajid Ali c Kaluwitharana	15
b de Silva	7
Afridi c (sub Kalpaje) b Vaas	47
Rameez c Jayasuriya	8
b Muralitharan	27
Malik c and b Muralitharan	1
Inzamam c Tillekeratne	2
b Muralitharan	4
Mohn c Mahanama b Dharmasena	3
Akram c Kaluwitharana	5
b Dharmasena	200
Waqar not out	1
Waqar c Mahanama	2
b Dharmasena	4
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-3)	5
Total: (all out in 45.4 overs)	200
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-29; 3-	
49; 4-126; 5-156; 6-186; 7-187;	
8-192; 9-196	
Bowling	O M R W
Vaas	6 0 21 1
S de Silva	7 0 28 1
Muralitharan	9 1 47 3
Dharmasena	9.4 0 27 3
A de Silva	5 0 30 0
Jayasuriya	9 0 46 1

Result: Sri Lanka won by 51 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Aravinda de Silva.

Tuesday's match: Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe.

Antigua Test: No play on third day

ST JOHN, Antigua, Apr 7: Cloudless, sunny skies did little to help a sodden outfield Sunday, forcing the cancellation of the third day and reducing the fourth cricket Test between the West Indies and India into a two-day affair, reports AP.

Umpires Steve Bucknor of Jamaica and BC Cooray of Sri Lanka, after their fourth inspection during the afternoon, officially announced there would be no play possible for the day at 4:10 pm (2010 GMT). Heavy rain on Friday and Saturday had caused the abandonment of the opening two days of the match at the Recreation Ground in St John's.

The main concern for the umpires was two muddy patches about 15 yards (metres) from the pitch on the eastern side of the field. Even the presence of a local tour helicopter, called in by the Antigua Cricket Association, could not improve the conditions enough.

The chopper spent two separate stints hovering over the more affected areas. But that, along with the spreading of sawdust and dried grass by the ground staff did little to improve the sodden field.

With only two days of the match remaining, there had been speculation that the Boards might agree to either extend the match or schedule one-day internationals in its place. But talks broke down and, in the end, the match seemed destined to be an unvealable, two-day non-event.

Michelle's fifth British Open

CARDIFF, Apr 7: Michelle Martin won the British Open title for the fifth successive time when she beat world champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald 9-5, 9-10, 9-5, and 9-5 on Sunday, reports Reuters.

"This was a more satisfying win than my first British Open," said Martin.

The final failed to reach the level of play that the two Australians reached in last year's final but was still the best of the tournament.

The early part of each game swung first one way and then the other but Martin was invariably stronger at the end of the games.

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"After losing the world title late last year I went home, rested for a bit and then got down to working for the sort of condition that would set the record straight," said Martin.

"I was just hoping she didn't do the same score to me as I did to her," Hingis said. "I liked last week a lot better."

Hingis earned 150,000 dollars boosting her season's winning to more than 1.2 million dollars.

Since the tournament began, Hingis was caught up in the celebration of her rise to No 1. She posed with a giant No. 1 made out of tennis balls when she came to Sea Pines on Monday, then joked with the fans, the volunteers and anyone she could find.

She faced only one seeded

second set. Hingis stretched out

rallies and fired precise forehands that continually clipped the sidelines. She survived three break points to go 2-2, then broke serve twice to even the match.

Hingis was up 5-2 in the third and on the verge of winning. But Seles, who has not beaten Steffi Graf or Hingis in five matches since her return to the tour in 1995, fought off three match points in the ninth game to stay alive.

Suddenly, Hingis' crispness disappeared. The 16-year-old made 10 straight errors and Seles led 5-5.

The tiebreaker was just as tense. Seles led 5-3 when the fever she was bothered with all week caught up to her, and she missed four straight shots.

Seles was seeking her career singles title and her first since the Nichirei International last September. She was making her Hilton Head debut after drawing from three previous Family Circles due to injuries.

Hingis was playing in her eighth successive final, dating back to last year. She has also won the Australian Open, the Sydney International, Pan Pacific Open, and the Open Gaz de France.

MARTINA HINGIS

It was a match is gone," Hingis said. "I was upset with the way I played and started to play longer points."

Things started turning in the

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12:00 Ghaav 12:30 Premier

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