

Anand-Adams stalemate

GRONINGEN, Netherlands, Dec 30: A fourth straight draw Monday between Indian Viswanathan Anand and England's Michael Adams meant the final of the FIDE World Chess Championship ended tied 2-2, reports AP.

The two Grand Masters will return to the Martinhal Tuesday for a rapid-play tiebreaker series, the winner of which will challenge champion Anatoly Karpov for the FIDE world title.

And that winner won't have a moment to pause for breath — he'll travel to Lausanne, Switzerland on New Year's Eve and start his six-game match against a fresh Karpov on New Year's Day.

Anand (Elo rating 2765) played a Ruy Lopez opening with white Monday, leading to one of the more open encounters of this four-game series.

On move 31, the Indian star won a central pawn, but Adams had a strong white-squared bishop against Anand's weaker knight, and made several attempts to maneuver his pieces into attacking positions.

But after queens were exchanged on move 43 the game looked to be drifting towards another deadlock.

Anand agreed a draw on move 46 with a two-pawn advantage but lacking a suitable position to exploit it.

Bevan back

MELBOURNE, Dec 30: The Australian cricket selectors Tuesday recalled Michael Bevan for the second cricket Test against South Africa, starting at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday, reports AP.

Bevan replaces Andrew Bichel, who was 12th man for the first Test which ended in a draw at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Tuesday.

SQUAD
Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Elliott, Greg Blewett, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Ian Healy, Paul Reiffel, Shane Warne, Michael Kasprowicz, Glenn McGrath, Michael Bevan (12th man to be named).

Europeans make Mario uneasy

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 30: Brazil's coach Mario Zagallo said here on Monday that he was not confident of defending their World Cup title next year in France because World Cup finals in Europe were 'always very difficult,' reports AFP.

The 69-year-old Zagallo, who has won four World Cups either as a player or in a coaching capacity with Brazil, said that playing in a European climate was far more difficult for South American teams despite the fact Brazil won the 1993 World Cup in Sweden.

"The Europeans will do anything to stop us from winning our fifth title," Zagallo in 1994-95.

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Kallis keeps Aussies at bay

MELBOURNE, Dec 30 (Reuters/AP): South Africa survived a tense final session to draw the first Test against Australia today after number three batsman Jacques Kallis inspired his side with a marathon maiden Test century.

The South Africans finished with three wickets in hand after batting out 122 overs in their second innings on an absorbing fifth and final day at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Kallis, playing in only his seventh Test, occupied the crease for six hours to frustrate Mark Taylor's side before he eventually succumbed for 101 just after tea.

But all-rounder Shaun Pollock stood firm during the final hour to remain unbeaten on 15, guiding the Proteas to 273 for seven at close of play.

Their total was 108 runs shy of their target of 381 runs for victory but the tourists had long abandoned thoughts of anything but survival.

Kallis and then skipper Hansie Cronje, who weathered some anxious moments before and after lunch to put on 123 runs for the fourth wicket.

The pair rescued South Africa from leg-spinner Shane Warne, who made inroads into the batting with the wickets of opener Adam Bacher and Daryl Cullinan in the space of nine balls.

Kallis' chanceless ton couldn't have been better timed. He won the player-of-the-match award for his effort.

The highly talented No 3 had scored only one half-century in his previous eight Test innings. But on a wicket that called for patience, the 22-year-old showed great maturity in defying Warne in his 279-ball innings.

He resumed the day with Bacher (34) on 40 and hit just six boundaries in all as he batted for just over two sessions to save the game for South Africa.

The tourists briefly held faint hopes of winning when Kallis featured in the partnership with Cronje.

But they opted for safety when Cronje was dismissed by Australia vice-captain Steve Waugh for 70 during the afternoon session.

Waugh provided the greatest threat on a deteriorating fifth-day wicket, claiming three wickets in 44 overs at a cost of 97 runs and a match bag of six.

Kallis was bowled by a superb delivery that cut back off the pitch to clip his off stump, giving seam bowler Paul Reiffel his second wicket of the innings.

Only Pakistan has batted over four sessions to have found themselves against Mark Taylor's Australians.

On Taylor's captaincy debut, Pakistan handed out a one-wicket defeat in Karachi in 1994-95.

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Brazil, who have been drawn in Group A with Morocco, Scotland and Norway, are heavy favourites to lift the trophy for the fifth time after winning the Copa America and the Confederations Cup in Saudi Arabia this year.

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