



World Youth Cup cricket results

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 16: Zimbabwe Thursday staged a major upset in the under-19 World Cup cricket tournament currently underway in South Africa with a fine five-wicket win over the West Indies, reports AFP.

There was humiliation for England as well when they lost to Bangladesh.

Zimbabwe's victory saw the West Indies being knocked out of the 16-nation tournament, which began on Sunday.

The Caribbean side were stranded at 234 for eight off their 50 overs while Greg Barrett (67) and Mark Vermuelen (67) laid the foundation for the Zimbabwe victory.

For Bangladesh, it was Mehrab Hossain and skipper Al-Shahri Rokon who spared the victory celebrations. They added 96 for the fourth wicket with Hossain playing an attacking innings as they chased a target of 224.

For South Africa's under-19 cricket team, it was the easiest day of the tournament — a comfortable eight-wicket victory and an afternoon next to the swimming pool.

After bowling Scotland out for 110 at Potchefstroom University, South Africa lost two quick wickets, but Michael Lumb and Morne van Wyk were untroubled in rattling off the runs.

Scoring at more than 5.50 runs an over, Lumb (51) and Van Wyk (54) were not out when they won the game.

Top scores of the day came from New Zealand's James Marshall with 164 off 143 balls in their total of 327 for seven on their way to a 212 victory against Namibia and Australian Scott Kremerkot who also blasted 164, although this was off only 113 balls.

Kremerkot's massive total saw Australia to 398 for six against Papua New Guinea, who could only manage 139 in reply.

Other matches went pretty much according to expectations, with Sri Lanka beating Denmark by seven wickets after the Danes only managed to amass 97 runs between them.

India comfortably beat Kenya by 175 runs when the East Africans collapsed to 78 all out chasing the Indians' total of 253.

Pakistan beat Ireland by 153 runs in a match which saw a top score of 84 from young Pakistani opener Inamul Haq.

Mark, Andre showdown

MELBOURNE, Jan 16: Mark Philippoussis will face Andre Agassi in the final of the Colonial Classic after scoring a 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (10-8) win over French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten on Friday, reports AP.

In other matches that have no bearing on the championship, Pete Sampras suffered his second defeat in three matches when he was beaten 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 by Andre Medvedev and Thomas Muster ended up with three straight defeats as he was beaten 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) by Greg Rusedski.

Philippoussis saved a match point in the tiebreaker before claiming victory in a minute over two hours. After taking the opening set, the 21-year-old Australian played a disastrous fourth game of the second set, double-faulting four times to gift Kuerten the break.

"I rushed my serves a bit," Philippoussis said. "On a couple of them I got frustrated and pretty much lost concentration. I was happy to get back into it in the third (set)."

The final set went to a tiebreaker, and Kuerten rushed to a 4-0 lead before Philippoussis recovered to win the next six matches.

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SECRET OF SUCCESS

Player-of-the-match Muhammad Hussain believes his experience of playing in Dhaka league was the main reason behind his success against India in the second final of Independence Cup.

The left-arm spinner, who played for Abahani Krira Chakra in the domestic cricket this season, took four wickets for 33 runs, his career best figures in eight ODIs.

A familiar figure in Dhaka cricket Muhammad first came here as a member of Pakistan 'A' team in the SAARC tournament last February and then again played in the Damal Smriti tournament for Abahani last November.

"I have played here twice last year and that gave me the confidence of doing well. Although, I was a little bit nervous at the initial stage, but after dismissing Ganguly I expected getting more wickets."

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