

Eng-Trinidad match drawn

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad, Feb 3: Phil Simmons, captaining Trinidad and Tobago in the absence of Brian Lara, guided his side to a draw in their two-day match against England on Monday, reports Reuters.

At 92 for five after three wickets had fallen in 15 deliveries, Trinidad had been in danger of following on.

But Simmons put on 115 for the sixth wicket with Lincoln Roberts (60) to ensure Trinidad drew the game with plenty to spare.

The match ended when they were all out for 278 in reply to England's 351.

It was clear from the outset that Simmons, who top-scored with 78 not out, had no intention of giving England's players any help three days before the start of two back-to-back Tests at Queen's Park Oval.

England captain Mike Atherton was able to give off-spinner Robert Croft a long spell but he was made to work hard for his two successes. He finished with a two for 84 from 31 overs.

The bowlers had held the whip hand in the morning session. Andrew Caddick took the first two wickets, Angus Fraser grabbed one with his second ball and Dean Headley two in successive overs.

Coach David Lloyd said: "We have had a fine preparation for the second and third Tests. What happened in Jamaica was a disruption for all of us but now we are back to business as usual."

The first Test in Kingston was abandoned after an hour's play because of a dangerous pitch.

Easy win for Zimbabwe

TAUPO, New Zealand, Feb 3: Zimbabwe cruised to a comfortable eight-wicket victory against the New Zealand Academy 11 in a limited-overs cricket match today, reports Reuters.

SCORES: NZ Academy 193 all out in 48.3 overs. Zimbabwe 195 for two wickets in 36.5 overs.

Simpson to arrive in India soon

MUMBAI, Feb 3: Former Australian captain Bob Simpson is scheduled to reach here before February 15 to commence his work as a consultant to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

"He has intimated that he would be in India before the 15th of this month," BCCI secretary V. L. Lele told PTI here today.

The BCCI's working committee had decided to seek Simpson's help as a consultant in improving the Indian team's performance.

But details of the contract, especially the terms and conditions, were to be thrashed out before Simpson would sign the document, it was learnt.

Significantly, it was on the report of Simpson, who was match referee for last November-December's three-Test series between India and Sri Lanka, that the action of Rajesh Chauhan came under scrutiny of the technical committee of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Mark skips Davis Cup

MELOUNRE, Feb 3: Mark Philippoussis has ruled himself out of selection for Australia's Davis Cup campaign in 1998, team captain John Newcombe said today, reports AFP.

Big-serving Philippoussis, ranked 17 in the world, will be absent for the first round World Group tie against Zimbabwe at home between April 3-5.

"Mark has decided not to play Davis Cup this year," Newcombe said in a statement released by ruling body Tennis Australia.

"He advised he wishes to spend more time with his family when he's not playing on the (ATP) Tour," Newcombe said.

Hosts clinch the series Mark stands in SA's way

ADELAIDE, Feb 3: Controversy marred the drawn third cricket Test between Australia and South Africa on Tuesday after skipper Hans Cronje felt the home side's

Test in Melbourne. It was Australia's ninth straight series win under skipper Mark Taylor. Australia have beaten England, West Indies and South Africa twice each and Pakistan, Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

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Scoreboard at the end of the fifth and final day of the Adelaide Test between Australia and South Africa on Tuesday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First in-

nings 517

AUSTRALIA: First innings 350

SOUTH AFRICA: Second

innings 193 for six dec

AUSTRALIA: (overnight 32

for two)

Elton C. Richardson b Pollock

4

Taylor b Klusener

6

Blewett b Pollock

16

M Waugh not out

115

S Waugh c Richardson b Klusener

34

Ponting c Symcox b Klusener

23

Healy c Richardson b Kallis

10

Bichel b/w Klusener

7

Waugh not out

4

Extras: (nb-6, b-2)

8

Total: (for seven wkt in 108.4 overs) 227

Fall of wkt: 1-6; 2-17; 3-54;

4-112; 5-185; 6-202; 7-215

Bowling: O M R W

Pollock 30 4 12 61 2

Klusener 30 10 67 4

Kallis 16 10 20 1

Symcox 18 2 42 0

McMillan 13 2 33 0

Cronje 1 0 2 0

Result: Match drawn. Aus-

tralia win three-Test series 1-0.

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drawn.

Second Test: Australia won

the second Test in Sydney by an

innings and 21 runs.

Scores: Pakistan 418 for

eight dec and 216 for nine dec;

Quigland West 218 and 109.

POLLOCK... p-o-m

Mark Waugh should have been given out hit wicket, reports AP.

Waugh scored a match-sav- ing unbeaten 115 and shared a nervous 24 minutes with Shane Warne to force the dramatic draw and win the series.

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Waugh, who masterminded Australia's salvage operation in a 404-minute stay, was felled by a Shaun Pollock bouncer in the seventh of the 15 mandatory overs in the final hour.

As he staggered towards square leg, Waugh hit the stump with the bat. The South Africans appealed for hit wicket.

It was referred to the TV umpire Steve Davis, who gave Waugh not out under law 35.1. a.

But the South Africans were

furious after what they thought was a genuine case of a hit wicket being turned down.

"Mate, if someone gets hit on

the head and is hit wobbly and walks on the stumps he is out, that's what I think," Cronje said later. "Nothing more than that — that's all I want to say about it."

But Australian skipper Mark Taylor said the umpires had ruled properly.

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CRICKET: The Independence Cup

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and managed to execute it successfully.

The early departure of Sachin (being bowled out by a beautiful delivery by Azhar Mahmood) had, in fact, sealed India's fate. Only Azharuddin managed a fight back with a defiant 66. Pakistan fielded exceptionally well on the day. India were bundled out for a paltry 189.

Leading by 200 runs on the first innings after their narrow 418 for eight declared, the Pakistanis opted for batting practice in their second knock.

Opener Aamir Sohail posted a workmanlike 61 (144 balls, 197 minutes), before he became medium pacer Bosman first-class wicket.

Bosman went on to add the wickets of Saqlain Mushtaq and Mohammed Akram in his third over to finish with the fine figures of three for 25 in nine steady overs.

After Sohail's dismissal, wickets fell at regular intervals as the tourists reached 152 for eight before a limping Inzamamul Haq was forced to enter the fray despite injuring his knee on Friday.

Batting without a runner, the big man, together with Mohammad Wasim (31), added 64 runs for the ninth wicket in an hour. Inzamam ended 46 not out off 46 balls including