

England go level with WI

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England's cricketers created history when they scored the highest innings against the West Indies to win the third Test at Queen's Park Oval, Trinidad.

Set to score 225 to win, England squeezed home by three wickets in the second over after lunch.

AP adds: On Monday, England openers, captain Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart posted a century-stand as the tourists closed to within 38 runs of victory with six wickets standing.

The West Indies hit back in mid-afternoon with four wickets for 39 runs before rain limited the last session to eight overs.

Atherton and Stewart firmly put their team in control during the morning, stretching their overnight 52 without loss to 122 in the two-hour period.

It was the pair's fifth century opening stand in 42 innings together and their third against the West Indies.

Stewart, who was outscored 30 to 14 by his captain on the previous afternoon, was the dominant one Monday. The 34-year-old from Surrey overtook Atherton after an hour and passed his third half century of the series with his eighth boundary.

But the West Indies came out after lunch and brought themselves back into the match. Atherton, who was let off by Stuart Williams off Courtney Walsh at gully when 39 with the score at 73, was eventually snapped up by the same bowler.

Walsh found Atherton's outside edge and wicket-keeper David Williams seized the simple offering. It broke an opening stand of 129, Atherton perishing for 49 after 233 minutes. The 29-year-old faced 173 balls and hit three boundaries.

The home team struck again 16 runs later after John Crawley's bad judgment resulted in a careless run out. Crawley, seeking a sneaky second run to wide cover was beaten by Kenny Benjamin's accurate return, a decision confirmed by the TV replay umpire.

Walsh claimed the prize wicket of Stewart, overcoming the disappointment of having him dropped at first slip by Carl Hooper four balls earlier.

The former West Indies captain produced a superb leg-cut which found the outside edge, this time wicketkeeper David Williams snaring the chance behind the stumps.

Stewart made 83, his innings lasting five hours, spanning 245 balls and including eight boundaries.

The momentum continued to shift and the luck swung the West Indies' way in the dismissal of Nasser Hussain for five just before the rain.

Hussain was plainly leg before to off-spinner Hooper, the ball keeping incredibly low to beat his back foot shot and trap him in front.

West Indies skipper Brian Lara employed the innovative tactic of using his main strike bowlers Walsh and Curtly Ambrose for one-over bursts from the same end for the first hour after lunch. In that time Walsh picked up the wicket of Atherton.

But Surrey left-handers Graham Thorpe and Mark Butcher gradually tilted the balance back to England by adding 19 runs in two short periods of play in the rain-interrupted final session. Thorpe ended undefeated 15 and Butcher nine.

Walsh was the best of the West Indian bowlers with two for 61 off 29 overs. Hooper took one for 31 off 16 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the third Test between the West Indies and England at Queen's Park Oval on Tuesday:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| WEST INDIES: First innings | 159 |
| ENGLAND: First innings | 145 |
| WEST INDIES: Second innings | 210 |
| ENGLAND: Second innings | (overnight 187-4) |
| Atherton c D Williams b Walsh | 49 |
| Stewart c D Williams b Walsh | 83 |
| Crawley run out | 5 |
| Hussain lbw b Hooper | 5 |
| Thorpe c D Williams b Ambrose | 19 |
| Butcher not out | 24 |
| Russell c Hooper b Ambrose | 4 |
| Caddick c D Williams b Ambrose | 0 |
| Headley not out | 7 |
| Extras: lb-2, lb-15, nb-12 | 29 |
| Total: for 7 wks in 108 overs | 225 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-129; 2-145; 3-152; 4-168; 5-201; 6-213; 7-213; | |
| Did not bat: Fraser, Tufnell. | |

| Bowling | O | M | R | W |
|----------|----|----|----|---|
| Walsh | 38 | 11 | 69 | 2 |
| Ambrose | 33 | 6 | 62 | 3 |
| Benjamin | 11 | 3 | 24 | 0 |
| McLean | 4 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Adams | 6 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Hooper | 16 | 3 | 31 | 1 |

Result: England won by three wickets.

Series: Level at 1-1.

S Africa race into qtrs



OUAGADOUGOU, Feb 17: Defending champions South Africa have reached the quarter-finals of the African Nations Cup after winning their first match of the tournament, but Ghana, another of the favourites, have crashed out, reports Reuters.

Four goals in an astonishing 12-minute spell by Benedict McCarthy inspired the Bafana Bafana to a 4-1 win over Namibia on Monday night after they had drawn their first two games with Angola and Ivory Coast.

Ghana, exuberant in their first match and unlucky in their second, were sent home early after unexpectedly going down to a late goal against Democratic Congo in what turned out to be veteran Abedi Pele's last international.

Tunisia, who like South Africa will represent Africa at the World Cup in France, crawled into the last eight with an uninspiring 3-1 win over Togo while Ivory Coast went through in style with a 5-2 win over Angola.

McCarthy's goals all came between the ninth and 21st minutes and helped South Africa avenge last month's humiliating 3-2 defeat by the Brave Warriors.

Simon Vutoni made the score more respectable with a 68th minute goal as Namibia went home with only one point but having scored seven goals and played some entertaining soccer.

South Africa finished second in Group C behind Ivory Coast, who guaranteed top place with their thrashing of Angola. Veteran striker Joel Tladi, playing his sixth Nations' Cup, took his tally in the tournament to four by scoring twice after Tladi's goal had put the rampant elephants on the road to victory with two goals in the first quarter of the match.

Ibrahim Bakayoko grabbed the fifth while Paulo Silva and Quinzinho scored as Angola made an early fight of the match.

Ghana, aiming to win their fifth Cup, were defeated by a 77th minute goal from Democratic Congo's Kisomba Mundaba.

The Simbas, as the former Zaire's team are now called, could not afford to bring all their foreign-based players following last year's civil war.

"If we went out through the back door, it was because we deserved to go out through the back door," Pele, 33, told reporters after the match, adding that the forwards had not performed as well as expected.

"The players did not feel right. There have been certain misunderstandings between the players and those managing them," said Pele, who has never played in the World Cup. "That showed on the pitch."

Ghana built up smoothly in midfield but Democratic Congo, playing their first competitive final as the Simbas (Lions in Swahili), were always more threatening in front of goal.

Democratic Congo face Cameroon in their quarterfinal on Friday after finishing second behind Tunisia on the number of goals scored.

The excitement in Tunisia's match all came in the first 12 minutes when Togo took the lead through a Komlan Assiagnon penalty only for the North Africans to reply through Zied Tlemcan and Mahdi Slimane.



David Nyathi (R) of South Africa tries to gallop past a Namibian defender during their African Nations' Cup match at Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso on Feb 16. South Africa won 4-1. —AP/UNB photo

Border for a balance

BRISBANE, Feb 17: Australian elite cricketers are overworked but not necessarily underpaid, new national cricket selector Allan Border said here today, reports AFP.

The former Australian captain, who was appointed Monday to the three-man selection panel, said that although a burgeoning international schedule was taking its toll, more cricket was needed to properly compensate the players.

Australia's bowling reserves have been thinned with champion leg-spinner Shane Warne requiring rest and pacemen Jason Gillespie and Glenn McGrath suffering lingering injuries this summer.

"We've had a fair attrition rate, especially with our fast bowling stocks and you could probably argue a case that there's probably too much cricket, or on the borderline of saturation at least," Border said on ABC radio.

"(But) if they want to get paid the money, you've got to play the cricket matches... it's a vicious circle."

The one-day cricket phenomenon is because people like watching it. There's plenty places in the world that want to play it.

"It's something the ICC (International Cricket Council) has to have a close look at."

Border said he didn't know how much the current players were being paid.

"I don't know anything about Test match payments these days, I'll have to investigate that," he said.

But that has nothing to do with me as a selector. That is between the players and the board, I just help pick the best possible teams.

"The player payments are getting better all the time and have done since the world series revolution in the late 70s so I think that's the case these days."

Azhar's cause for concern

HYDERABAD, Feb 17: Indian cricket captain Mohammad Azharuddin yesterday demanded better security for players saying it should be of prime importance for the host country and host association at domestic and international matches, reports PTI.

Azhar, who attended a felicitation organised by the Hyderabad Cricket Association, said organisers should make elaborate arrangements, in a veiled reference to the roughing up of Pakistani cricketers in Johannesburg and the incident at Jamshedpur, where a spectator allegedly stole his cap.

He expressed happiness at being named captain and said after the Independence Cup victory at Dhaka he was confident of facing the forthcoming home series against Australia.

He said he would retain Sachin Tendulkar as opening batsman in the coming triangular series against Australia and Zimbabwe saying that was the 'right place' for him.

Nenashev lifts Goodrick title

CALCUTTA, Feb 17: Second seed Alexander Nenashev of Uzbekistan won the title in the ninth Goodrick International Open chess championship with a score of eight points at the Gorky Sadan here Monday, reports PTI.

Nenashev was followed by seven players who tied for the second spot with 7.5 points each.

India's Dinesh Kumar Sharma held Grand Master Leonid Yurtaev to a creditable draw in the final round today. Had Yurtaev won today, he would have tied for the first place with Nenashev.

Grand Master Nigel Short of England, playing with white pieces against Nenashev, tried to make a breakthrough in the centre but could not make much headway to eventually agree to a draw in 37 moves.

On the second board, Jonathan Speelman and Jaan Elhvest drew in 11 moves to finish the championship with 7.5 points each.

Indian Grand Master, Dibyendu Barua made short work of Grand Master Csaba Horvath in the Sicilian defence. Barua sacrificed two pawns to force a mating attack.

Steffi returns at last



HANOVER, Germany, Feb 17: (AP) Eight months after a career-threatening injury, Steffi Graf was back on the court Monday. And the former World No 1 was loving it.

"Not until eight weeks ago, was I sure I could come back," Graf said. "It was great to be back on the court. I had to stop myself from bursting into tears."

Graf, who held the top ranking a record 374 weeks, showed rust on her game but also flashes of the power that made her the world's best as she teamed up in doubles with Barbara Rittner at the 450,000 dollars Faber Grand Prix.

They pounded fellow Germans Melke Babel and Wiltrud Probst 6-3, 6-1 in a first-round match after 3,500 spectators gave Graf a standing ovation when she took the court.

"I was just overwhelmed by the reception," Graf said. "It was really special."

Graf, 28, had not played since June 3 when she lost 6-1, 6-4 to South Africa's Amanda Coetzer at the French Open. One week later, she had her left leg surgically repaired for fractured cartilage and a ruptured patellar tendon.

She is scheduled to play singles Wednesday against the winner of the first-round match between Austria's Barbara Paulus and Germany's Andrea Glass.

But, in the long term, Graf made it clear she wanted to regain her previous status — as the player that dominated women's tennis for almost a decade.

The seven-time Wimbledon winner, seeded second, is in a field that includes three other top 10 players led by top-seeded Jana Novotna. Among the world's top 13, six are entered. But at the moment, Graf was



STEFFI GRAF

not thinking about playing against the young players like Martina Hingis and Venus Williams, who have taken over women's tennis since she was forced to the sidelines.

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Ivanisevic in ignominy



ANTWERP, Belgium, Feb 17: Sixth seed Goran Ivanisevic suffered his second first round defeat to Jan Siemerink in less than a month on Monday night when he lost 6-4, 6-2 in the European Community Tennis Championship, reports Reuters.

Ivanisevic, who won the Croatian Indoor tournament this month, was also knocked out by the unseeded Dutchman in the first round of the Australian Open in late January.

The Croatian had only himself to blame for the straight sets defeat.

In the second set, he repeatedly slammed down his racket and muttered and complained to the chair umpire. Exemplifying his erratic play, he handed the match to Siemerink with a

double fault.

World number three Pat Rafter survived his first test after a three-week break from competition with a hard fought 6-2, 7-6 victory against French qualifier Arnaud Boetsch.

"Two weeks of beach, one week of practice," said Rafter after taking the second-set tiebreak 10-8 on his fourth matchpoint.

"I never like to play that sort of tight tennis. I was very nervous also because I changed rackets and I wanted to win that first match," said the Australian who took time off after he was knocked out in the third round of last month's Australian Open by Spaniard Alberto Berasategui.

"I guess coming back after three weeks can be a bit difficult... and Arnaud probably didn't play the best match," he said.



The cover of the 1998 Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition featuring model Heidi Klum. —AP/UNB photo

FA Cup results

LONDON, Feb 17: Arsenal and Crystal Palace played a scoreless draw Sunday in their FA Cup fifth-round match, forcing a replay at Palace's Selhurst Park and increasing the odds of an upset, reports AP.

Crystal Palace, underdogs to advance to the quarterfinals, played tenacious defence against Arsenal and improved on their excellent away record this season.

The Feb 25 replay for Arsenal adds another game to the jammed schedule. On Wednesday, Arsenal face Chelsea with a 2-1 lead going into the second-leg semifinals of the League Cup.

Later on Sunday, Barnsley were to play at Manchester United in the last of the eight FA Cup fifth-round games.

Four teams have already qualified for the quarterfinals off fifth-round wins — Sheffield United, Coventry, Newcastle and Leeds.

On Friday, Sheffield United beat Reading 1-0. On Saturday: Aston Villa 0, Coventry 1; Leeds 3, Birmingham 2; Newcastle 1, Tranmere 0.

Two games Saturday produced replays as West Ham drew 2-2 with Blackburn and Wimbledon drew 1-1 with Wolverhampton.

Ignatyev's ultimatum

MOSCOW, Feb 17: Russia's national side, absent from the World Cup finals for the first time in 20 years, will get no more wages unless they qualify for the next European championship in the year 2000, their coach said on Monday, reports Reuters.

Boris Ignatyev, who narrowly hung on to his own job after November's World Cup play-off defeat by Italy, has kept faith with most of his old players in the squad named to face Greece in a friendly in Athens on Wednesday, their first game since.

But, slamming Moscow's political and business elite for their lack of financial support, he told Futbol Weekly the new wages policy for the national side was qualify or nothing — a stiff challenge since France and neighbours Ukraine stand in Russia's way for a place in Euro 2000 in Belgium and the Netherlands.

"Under the new financial conditions if the team fails to get through to the final, the players will not be paid a penny," Ignatyev said.

Gazprom, the massive Russian gas monopoly, withdrew its key sponsorship last year after a series of poor results.

Money has been a sore point between post-Soviet Russian national coaches — Ignatyev is the fourth in six years — and players who have found wages playing for West European clubs far outstrip what Moscow can offer for international duty.

Quite what the reaction to the latest news might be was not clear, Ignatyev said he had yet to break it to the team.

"The players don't know anything about it yet," he said. "There's likely to be a difficult discussion."

Gloucester brace for Bracewell

AUCKLAND, Feb 17: Former New Zealand Test spinner John Bracewell is expected to accept an offer to coach English county team Gloucestershire, reports AP.

Bracewell went to England for discussions with county officials last week and was offered the job, he said.

"Discussions went very well over there," Bracewell said Monday. "They offered me the job and I'm currently working through a package."

"I'll be making a decision probably over the next day or two."

Bracewell said coaching in England would only strengthen his ambitions to eventually take up the New Zealand job.

"I did want to coach New Zealand, but I didn't want to do it unless I was capable of coaching the national side," Bracewell said.

Bailey draws the line?

WELLINGTON, Feb 17: Donovan Bailey will quit athletics after the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, he was quoted as saying in New Zealand's Sunday Star-Times, reports Reuters.

Bailey, who won gold in the 10 metres at the 1996 Olympics in a world record 9.84 seconds, said he aimed to end his career on a similarly high note.

"What I would like to do is make the 1996 Olympics and the 2000 Olympics the high points of my career and then walk away from the sport," the paper quoted him as saying.

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The Daily Star TV Guide

Wednesday 18th February
(All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change)

BTV

3.00pm Opening announcement
Al Quran, programme summary
3.10 Patriotic Songs 3.20
Drama Serial Do Sainik (Rpt)
4.00 News in Bangla 4.10 Art
4.15 Gaehtit 4.15 Hum
Right Day Programme 6.00
Sirsit Sukhar Ullasa 6.30
Bangladesh Biman Bahini 7.00
News in English 7.05 Programme
on Health 7.25 Multijidher
Ronokoushal O Agragati 8.00
Drama: Sabui Shathi 9.00 Pack
age Drama: Uttardakar 10.00
News in English 10.30 Juddha
Din Gatha 11.30 Tomorrow's
programme summary 11.40 Close down

BBC

7.30am BBC World News 8.00
World Focus: Reporters 8.30
BBC World News 9.00 Hardtalk
9.30 The World Today 11.00
World Living: Earth Report —
Brazil 11.30 BBC World News

12.00pm World Focus: Reporters
12.30 BBC World News 1.00
Hard Talk 1.30 BBC World
News 2.00 World Living: Film '98
2.30 The World Today 4.00
Wild World: Natural World — Fire
Bird 12.4.30 BBC World News
4.45 World Business Report 5.00
The World Today 6.00pm World
Living: The Clothes Show 6.30
BBC World News 7.00 Hard
Talk 7.30 BBC World News 8.00
World Focus: Reporters 8.30
BBC World News 9.00 World
Living: The Travel Show 9.30
The World Today 11.00 Hard
Talk 11.30 BBC World News
12.00pm World Focus: The
Money Programme 12.30 BBC
World News in Business Report
1.00 World Living: Top Gear 1.30
BBC World News 1.45 Europe
Direct 2.30 BBC World News in
Report 2.44 Hours 9.30 BBC
World News 3.35 USA Direct
4.00 World Living: The Travel
Show 4.30 BBC World News in
World Business Report & 24
Hours

CHANNEL V

6.00am Turn on TV 6.30 V
News 7.30 VHS, V Hour Special
7.30 Rewind VJ Sophia
8.30 Turn on TV 11.30 By

Demand 2.30 Liberty-First Day
First Show 3.00 Simply Show
3.30 Close Up Close Encounters
4.00 Turn On TV 4.30 Volume
Double 5.00 Turn On TV 7.00
By Demand VJ Trey 8.00 House
Arrest VJ Ranvir 8.30 Turn on
TV 9.30 Mangia Hai 10.00 Liberty-
First Day First Show 10.30
Turn On TV 11.00 Amped
11.30 Teachers Jazz 12.30 Turn
On TV 12.30 V News 3.00
Hebat VJ Joey 3.30 Turn on
TV 4.00 Billboard US Count-
down 4.30 V News 5.00 Billboard
US Countdown

STAR PLUS

6.30am Ninasad 7.30 Good Morning
India & Election Special
10.30 Ek Din Ek Jeevan 11.00
The Oprah Winfrey Show
12.00pm Mind Your Language
12.30 Heartbeat 1.30 Santa
Barbara 2.30 The Bold & the
Beautiful 3.00 Wednesday Matinee
Bangali Film Agentul Ustul
Dul, Matia Shankar 5.00 The
Wonder Years 5.30 Small Wonder
6.00 Tu Tu Main Main 6.30
Reporter 7.00 Awaz 7.30 Star
Dial 8.00 Mari Pasand 8.30
Dial Mein Kaala 9.00 Yeh Hai
Raza 9.30 Star News 10.00 Alo
10.30 The X Files 11.30

Awaz 12.00 The Bold & The
Beautiful 12.30 Star News 1.00
Newhart 1.30 A Law 2.30 Doo
South 3.30 Vega 4.30 The
Oprah Winfrey Show 5.30 21
Jump Street

STAR MOVIES

7.30 Comedy: No My darling
Daughter 12.30 Thriller: Gal-
lowglass 15.10 Action: None
But The Brave 15.10 Romance:
Vanished 15.30 Action:
Mega Force 15.50 Classic:
The Astonished heart 12
7.00 Extreme Close-up 7.30 Ad-
venture: The Viking Sagas 15
9.30 The Movie Show 10.00
Double Bill: Sharon Stone Blood
and Sand 15.10 Oscar Bill:
Sharon Stone Total Recall 18
2.00 Film Club: An American
Citizen 15.4.00 Thriller: A
Passion for Murder 18.5.00 Film
Club: Blood and Sand 15

STAR SPORTS

7.00 Extreme Sports High 5
7.30 Sports India 8.00 Cricket:
Pak Tour of S Africa: 1st Test
Day 5 H/L 9.00 Castrol Horse
Racing: Calcutta Oaks 9.30
Asia Sport Show 10.00 VOLVO
World Cup Showjumping Auck-

land NZ-Pacific: Final 11.00
Surfing: ASP World C ship Tour:
Wrap-Up Special 12.30 Inside
The PGA Tour 12.30 Trans
World Sport 1.30 Cricket: Pak
Tour of S Africa: 1st Test Day
5 H/L 2.30 Thai Kick Boxing
3.30 Boating: Whitbread Round
The World Race 4.00 All Pro
Sports Series 4.30 State Inter-
national Champions Series 5.30
Inside The PGA Tour 6.00 Golf:
Johnnie Walker Classic High-
lights 7.00 Asian Football Show
8.00 Motorsports: Max Power
9.00 Soccer: World Cup Hall of
Fame 9.30 Trans World Sport
10.30 The Kick Boxing 12.00 Pro-
Box Masters 1.30 Extreme
Sports: High 5 2.00 All Pro
Sports Series 2.30 Skate Inter-
national Champions Series 3.30
Soccer: World Cup Hall of Fame
9.00 Motorsports: Max Power
5.00 Heineken European Cup
Brive vs Toulouse

PTV

8.00am TILAWAT AUR TAR-
JUMA/ HAMD/NAAT 8.20
CARTOON 8.30 KHABRAIN
8.45 MANSOBAJAAT
BARAI KHUAF KAFALAT 9.00
SUR SAVARIA & Sehra