

England go level with WI

Sports Reporter



England's cricketers created history when they scored the highest total in the fourth 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 left out by Stuart Williams off Courtney Walsh at gully when 39 with the score at 73, was eventually snapped up by the same bowler.

S Africa race into qtrs



OUAGADOUGOU, Feb 17: Defending champions South Africa have reached the quarterfinals 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 Tiehi, playing his sixth Nations' Cup, took his tally in the tournament to four by scoring twice after Tchiressoua Guel 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 finals 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 Romual Asenyon penalty only for the North Africans to reply through Zied Tleman and Mahdi Sli-

mane.

After that, Tunisia concentrated on mass defence, taking their time over every free kick and throw-in, going down in agony every time they were fouled and stopping Togo's attacks with fouls.

Tunisia, who meet hosts Burkina Faso on Saturday, played nearly a minute with 12 men after substitute Sofiane Fekin came on before the man he was to replace had left the field without the referee noticing. Hassan Gabsi added a late third for Tunisia after Bechir Sabhani had missed a penalty.

South Africa and Ivory Coast will have to wait for Group D to be settled today before discovering whether they face Egypt, Morocco or Zambia in the quarterfinals.

Egypt have already qualified while Morocco need only a point to go through. The two meet today while Zambia, who need to score a hatful of goals and hope for a Morocco defeat, take on already-eliminated Mozambique.

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 Yuryev to a creditable draw in the final round today. Had Yuryev 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 Ehlvest 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 Horwath in the Sicilian defence. Barua sacrificed two pawns to force a mating attack.

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David Nyathi (R) of South Africa tries to gallop past a lunging tackle from 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

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