

Sport

SA set tough target for Pakistan

Star Sport Monitor Jacques Kalis and Jonty Rhodes of South Africa shared 183 runs for the undefeated fifth wicket to pile up a huge total of 280 runs in the opening match of the triangular series against Pakistan in Durban yesterday.

With South Africa reeling at 97/4 in 20.2 overs, Kalis, who hit a fluent 112-ball 109, and Rhodes, who remained unbeaten on 94, joined in force to take their team to a threatening total in the stipulated 50 overs.

Set to score 5.81 runs per over, Pakistan lost their first wicket in the very first over of their innings with the scoreboard reading at 1.

SCOREBOARD SOUTH AFRICA: Kirston c M Wasim b Akram 0, Rindel c Moin b Waqar 17, Cullinan c M Wasim b Akram 16, Cronje run out (Waqar) 34, Kalis not out 109, Rhodes not out 94, Extras (lb-4, lb-2, w-2, nb-2) 10, Total (For 4 wickets in 50 overs) 280

Did not bat: Klusener, Boucher, Elworthy, Symcox, Telemachus.

Fall of wickets: 1-1: 2-26; 3-48; 4-97

Bowling O M R W: Akram 10 0 39 2, Waqar 10 0 73 1, Azhar 10 0 59 0, Razaq 5.2 0 15 0, Afridi 9.4 0 53 0, Sohail 5 0 35 0

PAKISTAN: Anwar lbw b Elworthy 0, Afridi not out 4, Sohail not out 3, Extras (lb-1, nb-1) 2, Total (For one wicket in 3.1 overs) 9

To Bat: Mohammad Wasim, Ijaz Ahmed, Moin Khan, Azhar Mahmood, Yousuf Youhana, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Abdur Razaq.

Fall of wicket: 1-1: 2-0; 3-4; 4-1

French minister's assurance: PARIS, Apr 3: Anti-terrorist measures will be stepped up within weeks as part of France's preparations for the World Cup this summer, confirmed French Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement today, reports AFP.

Sachin & Allan now No 1



A glut of Test matches in March has thrown up new No. 1s in both sections of the Wisden Cricket Monthly (WCM) Safery Championship World Rankings.

In India, Sachin Tendulkar faced Shane Warne for the first time in over six years: Tendulkar responded with 446 runs in five innings, enough to win him the top spot in the batting



SACHIN TENDULKAR table, and end Sanath Jayasuriya's ninth month reign. The career list shows that Tendulkar has made 4552 Test runs

CJKP schools cricket

CHITTAGONG, Apr 3: Chittagong Collegiate High School earned the Chattagram Jila Krira Parishad (CJKP) schools cricket competition title beating Government Nasirabad High School by five wickets at the Railway playground here today, reports BSS.

Nasirabad school, batting first, were all out for 170 in 39.2 overs.

In reply, Collegiate School reached the target in 31.5 overs losing five wickets.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Apr 3: Four-H Club defeated KCC Juba Sangha by 137 runs in the First Division cricket league at local stadium today.

Battling first Four-H scored 261 runs losing five wickets in stipulated 40 overs.

In reply KCC scored 124 runs losing all the wickets in 29.4 overs.

to Brian Lara's 4550, but Tendulkar's average is more than three runs higher.

Allan Donald also played three Tests, and he picked up 22 wickets to replace Wasim Akram at the top of the bowling chart. Glenn McGrath did well to sit out the tour of India: his stock rose by one place, while Curtly Ambrose fell two to No 4.

Cooper & Lybrand Test ratings

LONDON, Apr 3: Fast bowler Allan Donald has become the first South African since 1970 to top the rankings for Test cricketers, reports AP.

Donald, who took five wickets as South Africa beat Sri Lanka on Monday in the second Test of the series, overtook Curtly Ambrose at the top of the Cooper and Lybrand ratings.

There was also a change at the top of the batsmen's ratings, with India's Sachin Tendulkar taking the No 1 spot from Australia's Steve Waugh.

Waugh, who had topped the ratings since 1995, ends the Test match season in third place. The West Indies' Brian Lara moved into second place.

Tucked in neatly behind this fearsome foursome is England's outstanding bowling discovery of the winter: Angus Fraser.

Gus, who passed the qualification threshold of eight Tests in the last 19 months when he took the field at Bridgetown, is easily the highest-placed bowler that England have had.

The previous mark was set by Andy Caddick, who was No 11 last October. England now have three bowlers in the top 20 — as



ALLAN DONALD do South Africa, now that their under-rated medium-pace Hansie Cronje has gone straight in at No 9.

Wisden favours the Aussies

LONDON, Apr 3: Fast bowler Glenn McGrath, batsman Matthew Elliott and all rounder Stuart Law have been named among Wisden's five cricketers of the year, reflecting Australian domination of world cricket during 1997, reports AP.

The 1998 almanack, regarded as the game's most authoritative reference book, also names two English players — left-handed batsman Graham Thorpe and Matthew Maynard, who guided Glamorgan to their first county championship triumph since 1969.

Last year there wasn't a single English or Australian player listed.

In his editorial, Wisden editor Matthew Engel urges the International Cricket Council to investigate allegations of match-fixing and gambling, some of them aimed at Pakistani star Salim Malik.

Three years ago, Australian spinners Tim May and Shane Warne alleged that Malik, who was then Pakistan's captain, had offered them a bribe to throw a Test.

Former Pakistan wicket-keeper Rashid Latif has also made allegations about Malik, claiming he would run out his teammates in an attempt to influence the result of games.

Latif also suggested that bookmakers attempted to fix the final one-day international against England at Trent Bridge in 1996.

Although the allegations have been denied and none of them proved, Engel says the ICC should investigate them to ensure the game isn't becoming corrupt.

"Nobody now doubts that this gambling takes place, for large sums, and that cricketers are involved in the process," Engel writes.

This does not necessarily mean that players have deliberately thrown matches. It is possible that the substantial number who have made allegations are making mischief or a mistake. Possible but increasingly implausible.

Khulna cricket

KHULNA, Apr 3: Abul Kashem Smriti Sangsad defeated Khulna Wanderers Club by six runs in the Senior Division cricket league played at the Khulna Stadium today, reports BSS.

Abul Kashem Smriti Sangsad won the toss and scored 187 runs in the stipulated 45 overs.

In reply Khulna Wanderers were all out for 181 runs.

In another match of the league played at the Khulna Circuit House ground National Welfare Association defeated Ulka Club by five wickets.

Ulka winning the toss decided to bat and scored 102 runs.

In reply National Welfare reached the winning target for the loss of five wickets.

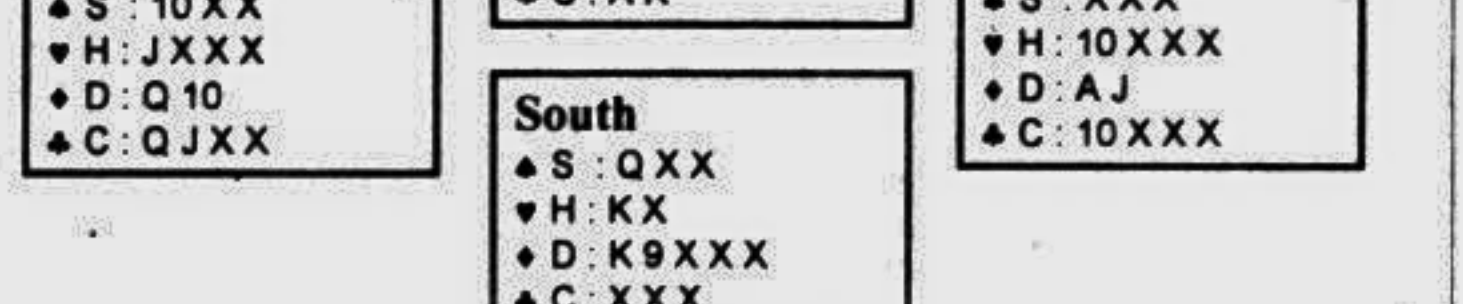
In the last match of the league played at the Khulna Divisional Stadium Sapla Krira Chakra defeated Khulna Savior Club by six wickets.

Winning the toss Savior batted first and scored 139 runs for all in their allotted overs.

In reply Sapla KC reached the winning target for the loss of four wickets.

SIX NO TRUMPS

SLAM MADE IN A SUIT WITH 4 HONOURS OUT (Hand # 7)



Bidding (Neither side Vulnerable): South (Mizan) West (Akram) North (Mazumdar) East (Sayeed)

\*Artificial; 18 or more high card points; \*\* Artificial; 7-9 points

North bid the hand vigorously. The Diamond bid by South encouraged North who assumed that the high card points in South hand would be in Diamond.

The Play: Lead : J of Clubs

South was repenting for his Diamond bid when the dummy appeared. A 3-NT would have been natural.

On winning the J of Clubs, South led a small Diamond from the dummy, East played J, South K and West dropped the Q. Things looked quite bright, if the Diamonds were distributed 2-2, he would be home safe.

Now South led a small Diamond from hand, and when both the 10 and Ace appeared, he claimed the slam. Thus, a small slam is made in a suit when 4 out of 5 top honours were outside.

Susanthika's 'C' test demanded

COLOMBO, Apr 3: The Sri Lanka sporting authorities today demanded a new dope test on Asia's fastest woman sprinter, Susanthika Jayasinghe, who is at the centre of a drug scandal, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka's Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) said Susanthika, winner of the 200m silver medal at last year's World Championships, had given a written explanation about the failed test from a random check last month.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) informed the AAA that it found traces of nandrolone, a performance enhancing steroid, in a sample taken from Jayasinghe.

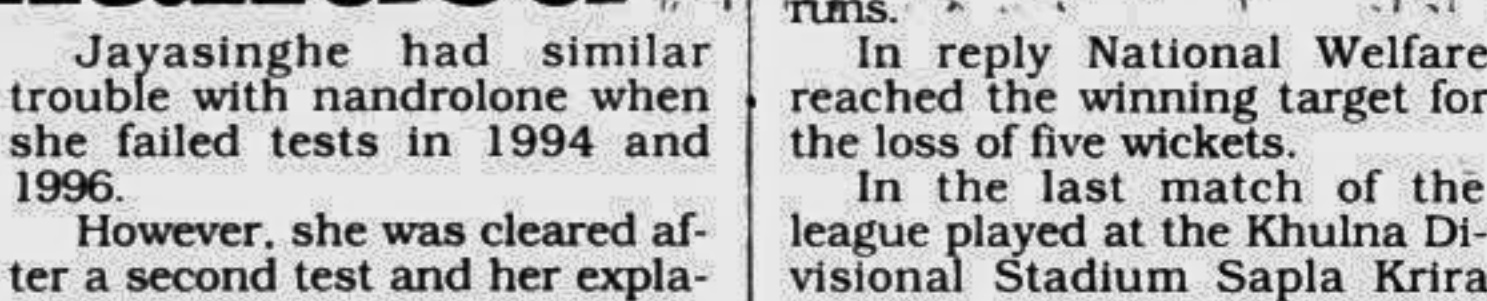
"We are asking the IAAF to order a 'C' sample test which means we want a fresh test," AAA secretary Rohan Amarasinghe told the news agency. "We are standing by Susanthika."

He said the explanation given by the runner will be forwarded to the IAAF and he expected their response within two weeks. He declined to discuss the contents of a Jayasinghe letter.

Jayasinghe's close associates said she had objected to the way the tests were carried out at the Sri Lanka Sports Ministry, whose officials she had earlier accused of sexually harassing her.

The athlete has also accused the ministry authorities of not sealing her urine sample properly.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 40 Sch. org., 41 Collar, 45 Open some cheese, 48 It's clarify, 8 Money, 12 Interspersive rocket, 13 Mike, 14 Curved molding, 15 Moose's partner, 17 Calendar quota, 18 Classify, 19 Kennel cry, 21 Bk. after Ezra, 22 Complain, 26 Maximum, 29 "your old man", 30 Thither, 31 Word with code or rug, 32 Rev up, 33 Despondent, 34 Ashen, 35 Amber, 36 Bit of snow, 37 Nerd, 39 One of the Maunas

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Tenders should be submitted in the tender box kept at Room No. 309 (3rd floor) of National Board of Revenue up to 12-00 Noon of 13-04-98 and the submitted tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. No schedule can be purchased on the date of depositing tender. 75 per cent of the bill for the goods supplied as per tender schedule will be paid from DOSA account and the rest 25 per cent, from Revenue head. It may be noted that the authority reserves the right to reject or accept any tender without assigning any reason.

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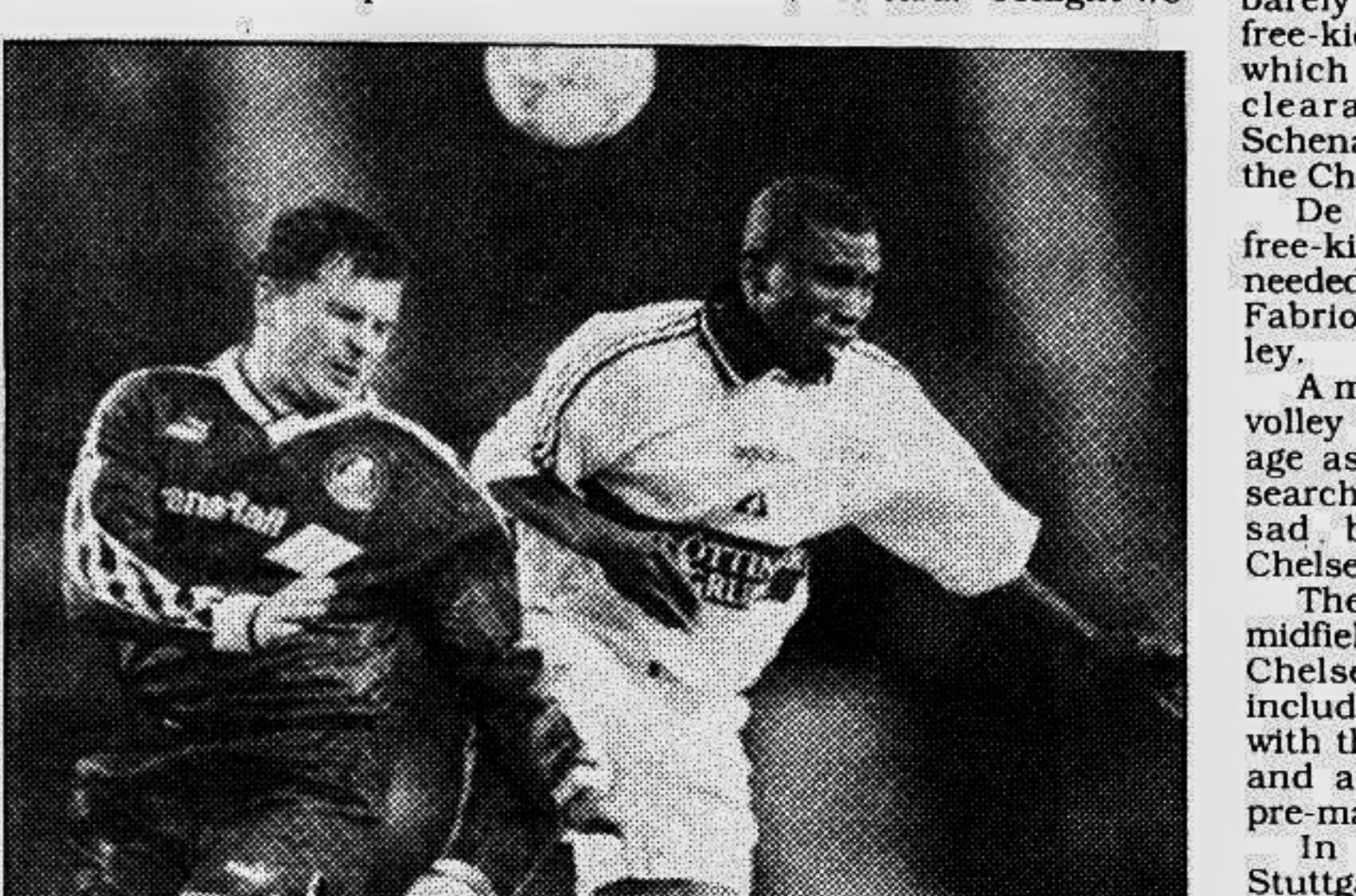
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Chelsea crash at Vicenza



UNDATED, Apr 3: Chelsea's hopes of reaching the European Cup Winners' Cup final suffered a major body blow here on Thursday night, as they slumped to a 1-0 defeat to Vicenza, reports AFP.

Vicenza coach Francesco Guidolin was cautiously optimistic for the club, who have never got past the first round in a European competition before, let alone reach a final.



VFB Stuttgart's Jonathan Akpoborie (R) and Alexei Arifullin of Lokomotiv Moscow battle for the ball during their Cup Winners' Cup semifinal first leg match at Stuttgart on April 2. The home team won 2-1.

Lamberto Zauli lashed home Vicenza's 16th minute winner and Chelsea did well to limit damage for the semifinal second leg at Stamford Bridge in a fortnight's time.

Gianluca Vialli's side may have lifted the League Cup on Sunday, but they made no impression on the Italian club's defence and were lucky not to lose by a bigger margin, as Zauli and Pasquale Luiso carved up the Blues back four.

Vialli, who will be without Italian midfielder Roberto Di Matteo for the second leg, defended his men despite their mistakes.

"I think they played well, especially for the first 25 minutes, when I think we were in control," he said. "But it was a trap. They wanted us to go forward, they did it well and we

were up against one of the best sides in Europe, and that makes the result even more important."

Chelsea seized the initiative in the opening minutes and after weak efforts from both Vialli and Gianfranco Zola it was the latter who fired the first shot in anger, a fierce near-post drive from the edge of the area into the side netting.

Zauli gave Ed de Goey a fright in the 13th minute with a near-post header which the Chelsea goalkeeper did well to palm away.

But the tall Italian playmaker gave the Dutchman an even bigger fright three minutes later when he muscled his way into the left side of the Chelsea area and smacked a low shot in the right hand corner of the net.

It could have been 2-0 to the home side in the 24th minute, when Vialli gave away possession just outside the Vicenza area and Gabriele Ambrosetti sprinted the length of the pitch before succumbing to Michael Duberry's challenge.

Ambrosetti followed up barely a minute later with a free-kick into the Chelsea area which needed two desperate clearances, while Marco Schenardi was the next to test the Chelsea defence.

De Goey punched clear his free-kick at full stretch but it needed Vialli to get in the way of Fabio Viviani's crashing volley.

A much weaker 38th minute volley was all Zola could manage as Chelsea broke away in search of an equaliser. It was a sad but fair reflection of Chelsea's poor performance.

There was no creativity in midfield and no bite up front as Chelsea's Italian contingent, including Di Matteo, struggled with their compatriot defenders and a slippery match after a pre-match downpour.

In the German city of Stuttgart, VfB defeated Russian side Lokomotiv Moscow 2-1 in their semifinal first leg encounter.

Pele changes his mind: BRASILIA, Apr 3: Reversing his field, Pele has dropped the idea of resigning as Brazil's Special Minister of Sports, his spokesman said Thursday, reports AP.

Jose Natal said Pele will stay on until the government enacts a law he sponsored abolishing the reserve clause in soccer. The complementary legislation should be ready in three weeks, he said.

Pele then will take a leave of absence to do TV commentary at the World Cup in France, Natal said. Pele has agreements with Brazil's Globo TV network and French Television.

Earlier, Pele had said he planned to resign. But Natal said the former soccer great would be back after the Cup, which ends in July.

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