

Sport

INDIA-S AFRICA SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the India and South Africa match in the World Cup at Hove on Saturday:

INDIA: S Ganguly 97, R Dravid 54, S Tendulkar 28, Azharuddin 24, Kulkarni 66/3.

SOUTH AFRICA

Kirsten b Srinath 37
Gibbs lbw b Srinath 34
Boucher b Kumble 7
Kallis run out 96
Cullinan c Singh b Ganguly 19
Cronje c Jadeja b Agarkar 27
Rhodes not out 39
Klusemeyer not out 12
Extras: (lb-4; w-3; nb-10) 17
Total: (For six wickets in 47.2 overs) 254
Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-22; 3-68; 4-116; 5-180; 6-227.
Did not bat: S Pollock, N Boje, A Donald.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Srinath	10	0	69	2
Prasad	8.2	0	31	0
Kumble	10	0	43	1
Agarkar	9	0	59	1
R Singh	2	0	10	0
Ganguly	4	0	16	1
Tendulkar	4	0	22	0

Result: South Africa win by four wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Jacques Kallis.

POINTS TABLE

World Cup Group A table after Saturday's match (played, won, lost, tied, no result, points):

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	0	2
South Africa	1	1	0	0	0	2
Zimbabwe	1	1	0	0	0	2
India	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kenya	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	1	0	1	0	0	0

Schnyder set to dance to different tune

GENEVA, May 16: Troubled women's tennis world number 12 Patty Schnyder hired American Brad Dancer as her new coach. It was reported on Sunday, says AFP.

The 20-year-old Swiss woman, who made a huge impact last year winning five tournaments and was a finalist at the Grand Slam Cup, has taken on Dancer in a provisional role - he will guide her through the Spanish Open, which she won last year, and the French Open over the next three weeks.

Schnyder, who has lost four sponsorship deals and been dropped from the Swiss Fed Cup team for refusing to practice with her teammates and severed ties with her family because of controversial former coach and lover Rainer Harnacker, took on 25-year-old Dancer on the advice of Canadian-born French number one Mary Pierce.

Dancer, who also looks after Croatian Mirjana Lucic, had previously coached two South African players Joanne Kruger and Mariaan De Swardt. Harnacker, who was dropped by Schnyder a week ago, drew heavy criticism in the Swiss press for his methods of physical preparation which involved a diet of vegetables and orange juice.

Concern over Schnyder's mental well being had been raised after she withdrew from last month's Hamburg tournament for personal reasons and entered the Cairo WTA event but was not included in the line-up as she registered too late.

Schnyder had lost the four sponsorship contracts - including AMAG, Crossair and Asetra - because of "a question of image", depriving her of about 320,000 dollars.

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said he will not make up his mind until after the tournament.

"The time has come for me to take a break," he said. "It is hard living out of a suitcase and I am leg weary and mind weary."

To ring the changes he has signed a contract to do a little commentating for a British radio station during July and August and write a book on his cricketing experiences.

"I'll have a rest and wait and see."

Blessing

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the new ball.

Tendulkar, who has lost 13 pounds (six kilos) since suffering back spasms during the home series against Pakistan, reported the number 10 shirt made famous in basketball by Michael Johnson and football by Pele and Diego Maradona.

"I often write 10-dulkar so it was quite nice to wear the 10 shirt," the master batsman said.

Untested Bul

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Bulfin returns to for technical help and counsel.

"Gary knows me and my bowling so well he can tell me over the phone what I'm doing wrong," Bulfin said in a recent interview with The Dominion newspaper. He said he was shattered by his treatment at the hands of the South African batsmen but Bartlett advised him that once he had some wickets under his belt he would be viewed differently.

Bulfin was elevated to the first class arena when he was spotted by former international Mark Greatbatch. He came to the attention of the national selectors playing for Wellington in this year's Shell Cup (one-day) provincial final where he ripped into a Canterbury batting line-up stacked with internationalists.

In his first couple of seasons Bulfin stood out because he wore his blond hair in dreadlocks, but he said he discarded them because people tended to remember him more for his hair than his bowling. Today, his hair is so close-cropped he might be mistaken as bald.



Scotland cricketers celebrate the fall of an Australian wicket during their World Cup match in Worcester yesterday. — AFP photo

SCOTLAND-AUSSIE SCOREBOARD

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Scoreboard of the Scotland innings against Australia at Worcester on Sunday:

SCOTLAND

BMW Patterson c Gilchrist b Fleming 10
IL Philip c SR Waugh b McGrath 17
MJDeG Allingham c Gilchrist b Warne 3
MJ Smith c Bevan b Lee 13
*G Salmond c Gilchrist b SR Waugh 34
GM Hamilton b Warne 31
JE Brinkley c Dale b Warne 34
+AG Davies not out 23
JAR Blain not out 3
Extras: (lb-9; W-22; nb-8) 39
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 181
Did not bat: Asim Butt, NR Dyer
Fall of wickets: 1-19 (Patterson, 10.5 ov); 2-37 (Allingham, 17.6 ov); 3-52 (Philip, 22.5 ov); 4-87 (Smith, 32.1 ov); 5-105 (Salmond, 37.1 ov); 6-167 (Brinkley, 46.4 ov); 7-169 (Hamilton, 46.3 ov).

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Fleming	9	2	19	1
Dale	10	2	35	0(3nb, 7w)
McGrath	9	0	32	1(5nb, 6w)
Warne	10	0	39	3(2w)
Lee	6	1	25	1(3w)
SR Waugh	6	0	22	1(4w)

Umpires: RS Dunne (NZ) and P Wily
TV Umpire: G Sharp
Match Referee: RS Madugalle (SL)

Hussain reaches out to Davis

LONDON, May 16: England opener Nasser Hussain has become the first cricket World Cup star to pledge a donation to the Winston Davis fund, reports AFP.

The fund was set up to help former West Indian paceman Davis following a serious road accident which left him paralysed from the neck down.

Davis, who now lives in Worcestershire having moved from his native St Vincent in the Caribbean, is the only bowler to have taken seven wickets in a World Cup match.

Davis returned figures of 10.3-0-51-7 against Australia at Headingley in the 1983 tournament. The West Indies went on to lose in the final, missing out on the chance to win a hat-trick of World Cups.

Hussain will donate a share of auction profits from a London dinner to help the former player.

Start suits hosts fine

LONDON, May 16: Cricket World Cup hosts England head for their encounter with rank outsiders Kenya on Tuesday feeling a mixture of delight and relief, reports AFP.

The tournament hosts' jubilation over beating Sri Lanka in their opening group A match was matched by their joy over the rediscovered form of skipper Alec Stewart.

His innings of 88 in the World Cup opener at Lord's did more than steer his side to an important win - it also saved the selectors from the embarrassment of dropping him down the order.

It was his best one-day score since he hit 116 against India in Sharjah 18 months earlier. Since then, the 36-year-old Surrey player's one-day form had gone from bad to worse, with some commentators questioning whether he was worth his place in the side at all.

"It was a timely innings for us and for him," said England coach David Lloyd. "At this

level, a lot of the game is played in the head. It is all about confidence, and that will have done him the world of good.

"You saw some real Stewart shots out there, which we haven't seen for a while."

The England selectors have already revealed their ruthlessness at by ditching Stewart's opening partner Nick Knight just before the first game, despite grooming him specifically for the World Cup.

Stewart, an unsentimental man, would not have expected any more favours if he had continued in his slump.

With the pressure now lifted, he is hoping to capitalise again against Kenya at Canterbury.

"I haven't scored the runs I want to at the start of 1999 but I back my ability," said Stewart. "I felt comfortable and hopefully this will stand me in good stead for the rest of the tournament."

England could take the opportunity against the group minnows to give seamer Angus

Fraser run-out. Kenya lost their opening match on Saturday to Zimbabwe but posted a respectable 239 for seven.

Lloyd said the team would have grown in confidence as a unit because of Stewart's revival.

He suggested England would stick with their new opening partnership of Stewart and Nasser Hussain. The duo put on 50 against Sri Lanka, allowing Graeme Hick the freedom to come in and seal the match with an aggressive innings.

"We've not hidden our concern about not getting the starts we would like," said Lloyd. "That not only affects the start of the innings but it also influences the other players and how you want them to play."

"If we have lost an early wicket or two, people like Graeme Hick would not have been able to come out and play with the freedom he did - and having that 50-run opening partnership yesterday made a big difference to them."

German Open Hingis'

BERLIN, May 16: Martina Hingis cruised to her first German Open title, her fourth win this year, when she defeated unseeded Frenchwoman Julie Halard-Decugis 6-0, 6-1 here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The victory, worth 150,000 dollars to the 18-year-old Swiss top seed, took only 42 minutes and must rank as one of the easiest matches of her glittering career.

She dropped just one point in the first five games, with Halard-Decugis, banking 70,000 dollars, unable to get her name on the board until after Hingis had won the first 10 games.

"Today I had everything under control," said Hingis. "I could use the shots I wanted, and if you can go for whatever you want it's perfect. I felt very comfortable and confident on court. I couldn't have played any better."

"Her game suits me very well because I know I have a better backhand and can go cross court or down the line. My forehand is also improving, and my serve was better than usual. Today everything worked pretty much the way I wanted it. Now I'll be ready for the French and go in really confident."

It was only when 5-0 down that Halard-Decugis began to compete, inspired by a net-cord that gave her only her second point of the set at 0-30.

She went on to hold two game points, but failed to prevent a whitewash.

Hingis, who conceded just one point on serve in the first set and played an almost faultless match, finally received some resistance as the 28-year-old Frenchwoman began to hit out at the ball and found her

Irish Cup final to be replayed

DUBLIN, May 16: A dramatic Ciaran O'Brien equalizer in injury time sent the Irish (FAI) cup final between Bray Wanderers and Finn Harps into a second replay after a 2-2 draw on Saturday, reports Reuters.



Switzerland's Martina Hingis poses with the German Open trophy after the final against Frenchwoman Julie Halard-Decugis in Berlin yesterday. — AFP photo

Bangladesh bank

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As Bangladesh shivered under the English cold, New Zealand have found the conditions similar to home and responded with three straight wins in the warm-up matches.

Craig McMillan added to his growing reputation with scores of 86 off 54 balls against Surrey and 95 off 92 against Sussex. McMillan, the up-and-coming 22-year-old from Canterbury, finished the practice games with an average of 102. He could be one of the men to watch in the tournament as New Zealand try to rubbish the bookmakers' odds of 20-1.

"The Kiwis are more dangerous than that," said former Australian captain Allan Border. "Never underestimate them. They could be the surprise package of this World Cup."

KNOW THE NUMBERS

NEW ZEALAND

1. Stephen Fleming (Captain)
2. Geoff Allott
3. Nathan Astle
4. Carl Bullfin
5. Chris Cairns
6. Simon Doull
7. Chris Harris
8. Matthew Hart
9. Matthew Horne
10. Gavin Larsen
11. Craig McMillan
12. Dion Nash
13. Adam Parore
14. Roger Twose
15. Daniel Vettori

BANGLADESH

1. Aminul Islam (captain)
2. Akram Khan
3. Faruque Ahmed
4. Shahriar Hossain
5. Mehrab Hossain
6. Enamul Haque
7. Nayemur Rashid
8. Naimur Rahman
9. Khaled Mahmud
10. Khaled Masood
11. Mohammad Rafiq
12. Shaifuddin Ahmed
13. Hasibul Hossain
14. Manjurul Islam
15. Minhazul Abedin

Will spring

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showers and looking for practice matches.

As with any team from the Indian sub-continent they have some supple-wristed, attractive batsmen but their fielding is decidedly ordinary and the seamers should not trouble Test batsmen.

"They can be pretty unorthodox," Fleming said. "They've got a couple of handy batters. They can't be underestimated but this is one game we should and must win."

Coach Gordon Greenidge, who opened the batting for West Indies in their 1975 and 1979 Cup triumphs, has urged his team to play positive cricket.

"I suspect to bat first and score 220 or 230 would be the strategy that will suit us best," he said.

Bangladesh can take heart from the example of Sri Lanka, who in the 1975 World Cup ran into a typhoon masquerading as Jeff Thomson.

Thomson, bowling at frightening speed, sent two Sri Lankans to hospital but the new boys still managed 276 for four from 60 overs.

Sri Lanka were still seven years from gaining test status but progress was then swift. In their greatest hour they defeated Australia in the 1996 World Cup final.

Bits & pieces

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searching for a lawyer to help him contest a new court battle with former England Test rival Ian Botham and Allan Lamb. The original case three years ago centred on allegedly slanderous comments made by Imran in an Indian magazine about Botham and Lamb's social pedigree after they had accused him of ball-tampering. Imran won the case but now faces an appeal.

The case goes ahead in mid-July in the Court of Appeal, where three judges will rule on whether there should be a retrial of the extraordinary case. Since his victory, Imran has parted company with his former solicitor Howard Cohen, but has been forced to pad up again as the case goes into a second innings. Lamb was unwilling to go to the Court of Appeal but Botham's representatives are confident of victory second time round.

Saudis may boycott Arab Games

RIYADH, May 16: Saudi Arabia has joined Kuwait in threatening a boycott of the Arab Games in Jordan if Iraqi athletes are allowed to compete as planned, reports AFP.

"Saudi Arabia's position is clear. Iraq did not take part in the two previous tournaments, in Syria and Lebanon. The terms of its exclusion are still in force," the Saudi National Olympic committee vice president Prince Sultan bin Fuad told a sports paper here on Sunday. "There is no reason for it to take part in the Jordan Games," due to take place on August 12-31. "Don't imagine there will be sports meetings between Saudis and Iraqis. We are not ready psychologically to meet the Iraqis in Arab tournaments," the prince said.

Kuwait has also threatened to boycott the event to which Iraq, which occupied the Emirate in August 1990, has received an official invitation. The new Saudi threat coincided with a Gulf tour which Jordan's Sports Minister Mohammad Khair Memser started in Saudi Arabia on Saturday to head off any boycott.

BANGLADESH STATS

Statistics of Bangladesh's 15-member squad in the World Cup:

BATTING & FIELDING

Player	M	I	NO	R	Avg	50	100	HS	CA	St
Akram Khan	26	26	2	618	25.75	4	0	65	6	-
Aminul Islam	26	26	5	566	26.95	2	0	70	9	-
Enamul Haque	16	14	3	91	8.27	0	0	18	3	-
Faruque Ahmed	5	5	0	89	17.80	1	0	57	4	-
Hasibul Hossain	20	17	2	122	8.13	0	0	21*	1	-
K Mahmud	11	10	0	188	18.80	0	0	47	1	-
K Mahmud	20	18	4	155	11.07	0	0	27*	16	2
Manjurul Islam	1	1	1	1	-	0	0	1*	-	-
Mehrab Hossain	5	5	0	207	41.40	1	1	101	1	-
Minhajul Abedin	23	22	0	313	14.22	0	0	45	2	-
M Rafique	16	16	0	237	14.81	1	0	77	3	-
Naimur Rahman	12	12	1	170	15.45	0	0	47	5	-
Naimur Rahman	1	1	1	4	-	0	0	4*	1	-
Shafuddin Ahmed	7	4	27	9.00	-	0	11	-	-	-
Shahriar Hussain	10	10	0	214	21.40	2	0	95	4	-

BOWLING

Player	M	Balls	Runs	Wickets	Avg	Best
Akram Khan	117	138	0	0	-	3/57
Aminul Islam	26	304	306	5	61.00	2/46
Enamul Haque	16	636	546	7	78.00	4/56
Hasibul Hossain	20	901	885	22	40.22	4/56
K Mahmud	11	526	382	1	34.72	2/12
Manjurul Islam	1	36	43	1	43.00	1/43
Minhajul Abedin	23	426	404	9	44.88	2/39
M Rafique	16	805	679	15	45.26	3/55
Naimur Rahman	12	370	313	5	62.60	2/51
Naimur Rahman	1	48	46	1	46.00	1/46
Shafuddin Ahmed	8	375	303	10	30.30	3/42

Source: UNE

RECORD PARTNERSHIPS

- 1st wicket:** 170 by Shahriar Hossain and Mehrab Hossain against Zimbabwe in Dhaka on March 25, 1999.
2nd wicket: 57 by Mohammad Rafique and Minhazul Abedin against Kenya in Chennai on May 23, 1999.
3rd wicket: 108 by Faruque Ahmed and Akram Khan against India in Chandigarh on December 25, 1990.
4th wicket: 110 by Athar Ali Khan and Akram Khan against Pakistan in Colombo on July 16, 1997.
5th wicket: 109 by Aminul Islam and Khaled Mahmud against India at Dhaka on January 10, 1998.
6th wicket: 56 by Khaled Mahmud and Naimur Rahman against Kenya in Chennai on May 23, 1998.
7th wicket: 48 by Aminul Islam and Enamul Haque against Australia in Sharjah on April 30, 1990.
8th wicket: 46 by Aminul Islam and Golam Faruque against Sri Lanka in Dhaka on November 2, 1998.
9th wicket: 44 by Hasibul Hossain and Khaled Mahmud against India in Mumbai on May 25, 1998.
10th wicket: 25 by Saiful Islam and Anisur Rahman against India in Sharjah on April 5, 1995.

PREVIOUS ODIs

Against	M	W	L
Australia	1	0	1
India	7	0	7
Kenya	6	1	5
New Zealand	1	0	1
Pakistan	1	0	1
Sri Lanka	6	0	6
Zimbabwe	5	0	5
Total:	4	0	4
	30	1	29

Wells stars for Kent



Australian partner Andrew Symonds rescued Kent on the second day of their County Championship match with Durham, reports AFP.

Wells, the former Sussex captain, and Symonds came together with Kent in a bit of trouble, but the two wrested the initiative away from Durham with Wells playing the anchor role, scoring 111, his century coming off 229 balls and including 18 fours.

Symonds, the young Australian who was the subject of a tug-of-war for his services between Australia and England a few years ago, hit a whirlwind

half century as Kent declared on 301-8 - Durham replying with eight without loss at stumps.

Elsewhere Yorkshire searers Matthew Hoggar (four for 56) and Chris Silverwood kept their team in contention against Middlesex at Headingley, where the visitors ended with a first-innings lead of 89 after captain Mark Ramprakash could add only 17 to his overnight 67.

The hosts' second innings stood at 72 for three by stumps, with Australian star Greg Blewett finally hitting form in making an unbeaten 41.

England's Irish-born batsman Mal Loye hit his first hundred of the season as Northamptonshire took control in their match with Lancashire at Old Trafford.

Loye (100) just reached his personal milestone, while his fourth-wicket partner David Sales missed his own ton by four runs but nevertheless made a significant contribution to his team's 404 for eight declared.

In reply Lancashire had reached 54 for one when bad light brought an early close.

There was also a century for Glamorgan all-rounder Adrian Dale as well as five wickets for his team-mate Steve Watkins on a good day for the hosts against Gloucestershire at Cardiff.

Dale added exactly 50 to his overnight 58 before becoming one of Gloucestershire debutant Ben Gannon's six victims.

He took 207 balls about his hundred and hit 12 fours, but Gannon (six for 80) and Jon Lewis (three for 69) appeared to have kept the total under control at 260 all out.

But that was before strike bowler Watkins (five for 31) knocked over Gloucestershire's first three to undermine an innings that in the end struggled to muster 109 all out.

Glamorgan, choosing not to enforce the follow-on, then went on to 66 for one.

Del Piero kicks a football

TURIN, Italy, May 16: Six months after his season ended in injury, Juventus ace Alessandro Del Piero played 15 minutes of a training match here on Saturday, scoring one goal, reports AFP.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Pinnacle	shade	57 Garden	measure
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SILVER	MW		
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CLARK	LOG	RAE	
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