

Sachin needs week long treatment

CHENNAI, Sept 12: Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar, who left for Australia yesterday to consult a specialist for his troublesome back will be treated at Adelaide for a week, reports PTI.

Tendulkar, who left Mumbai for Australia with sports medicine expert Dr Anant Joshi, would be video analysed for all movements of his body by specialists attached to the Australian Cricket Academy.

The batting maestro would be put on rehabilitation at the famous South Australian Sports Medicine Centre, he said.

Dr Peter Barnes, an orthopaedic and a specialist for injuries sustained by sports persons, would treat Tendulkar after video analysis and tests are over, he said.

Dr Barnes was reputed for treating injuries like the back spasms suffered by Tendulkar. Barnes has been for few years the head of the panel of doctors for the Australian rules Football Commission, the game being more physically exacting than rugby.

Tendulkar would remain in Adelaide and the doctors and physical experts from the capital Canberra would travel there to treat him, Sekar said.

Australia's top physio Max Pispiner would be present alongwith Dr Barnes. Pispiner had also treated Aussie leg-spinner Shane Warne after his shoulder surgery late last year, he added.

Dogged by

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running at full speed.

"When the ball first went up I thought it was going straight up in the air so I'm sort of like hanging back thinking 'okay, this is just going to be a catch for the keeper or someone in close,'" he said.

Then, just out of the corner of my eye, I saw Stephen starting to run so I thought it might be coming down my way.

"I looked up again and to me it felt like it was coming straight for me so I'm just coming in ready to take the catch.

"The last thing I knew we collided and went down, that's all I can remember."

His skipper is however has extended his heart-felt sympathy for the lanky tearaway.

"Dizzy" (Gillespie) had worked so hard to get back in there (the Australian side), has just come back to his peak so I feel really sorry for him."

Queensland pace bowler Scott Muller was Saturday named as Gillespie's replacement on the remainder of the Australian cricket tour of Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

Muller was expected to arrive in Sri Lanka early this week.

Saurav's India

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Griffith b Mohanty 1
Chanderpaul st M Prasad b Chopra 16

Goyal b Singh 1
Lara c Kanitkar b Singh 2

Powell c Martin b Singh 37
Jacobs lbw Chopra 19

Bryan lbw Joshi 1
Collymore not out 13

King c Martin b Mohanty 0
Walsh c Martin b B. Prasad 1

Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-4, nb-2) 10
Total: (All out in 46.2 overs) 163

Fall of wicket: 1-8, 2-43; 3-48; 4-57; 5-121; 6-135; 7-141; 8-155; 9-160; 10-163.

Bowler O M R W
Prasad 8.2 0 38 1
Mohanty 10 2 31 2
Singh 10 1 43 3
Chopra 10 3 17 2
Joshi 8 0 30 2

INDIA

Prasad c Griffith b Cibllemore 24
Ramesh not out 55

David c Jacobs b Walsh 5
Ganguly not out 54

Extras: (b-11, w-4, nb-2) 27

Total: (For 2 wickets in 37.3 overs) 165

Fall of wicket: 1-54; 2-59.

Bowler O M R W
Prasad 8.1 1 29 1
Mohanty 8 0 22 0
Singh 7 2 20 1
King 8 0 39 0
Goyal 6 0 37 0
Powell 0.3 0 7 0

Result: India won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: S Ganguly

Series: India lead best of three series 1-0.

Serena opens

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most to her knees as she saw Hingis' lob land just long for 6-4, then Hingis floated a back-hand long.

The defeat left Hingis with just one Grand Slam title this year, from the Australian Open in January. Her record of never getting past both Williams sisters in one tournament stood.

ROLE OF HONOUR

1975: Chris Evert

1976: Chris Evert

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1979: Tracy Austin

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1981: Tracy Austin

1982: Chris Evert Lloyd

1983: Martina Navratilova

1984: Marina Navratilova

1985: Hana Mandlikova

1986: Martina Navratilova

1987: Martina Navratilova

1988: Steffi Graf

1989: Steffi Graf

1990: Gabriela Sabatini

1991: Monica Seles

1992: Monica Seles

1993: Steffi Graf

1994: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

1995: Steffi Graf

1996: Steffi Graf

1997: Martina Hingis

1998: Lindsay Davenport

1999: Serena Williams

Prior to 1968, the United States National Championships was an amateur event. It became the US Open in 1968 when the tournament was open to professionals.



TOO HOT TO HANDLE: Barcelona superstar Rivaldo (R) powers past Espanyol defender Cristobal Parralo during their Primera Liga game at Barcelona on September 11.

—AFP photo

Primera Liga

Rivaldo magic sinks Espanyol

MADRID, Sept 12: Rivaldo continued the glittering form that could earn him the FIFA World Player of the Year award in January with his two goals inspired defending champions Barcelona to a 3-0 win over Espanyol and to the top of the Primera Liga, reports AFP.

The midfielder scored a hat-trick for Brazil against Argentina in midweek and, with Manchester United and England star David Beckham, is one of two frontrunners to succeed French World Cup winning star Zinedine Zidane as the world's top footballer.

It took Barca all of 74 minutes to break the deadlock in a Catalian derby and it was Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert's precise through ball that allowed Rivaldo to score with an angled finish.

Kluivert made it 2-0 10 minutes later with a magnificent volley after a pass from his compatriot Phillip Cocu. The two other clubs yet to register a point - Mallorca and Atletico Madrid - both play Sunday and, like Valencia, were also expected to be at the other end of the table.

Just two minutes later Rivaldo wrapped up the scoring with another clinical strike, again set up by the outstanding Kluivert.

With most of the Spanish league programme to take place Sunday Barca will probably be displaced at the summit by Real Madrid Sunday with both the traditional giants of the Primera Liga still boasting 100 percent records.

But while Barca are coasting Valencia are still pointless after three games.

Their 2-0 home reverse at the hands of unfashionable Alaves - both goals came in the last six minutes - has increased the pressure on Argentinian boss Hector Cuper, who arrived at the club in the summer with a glittering reputation having transformed Real Mallorca from a second division club to a Champions League outfit.

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