

Philipoussis in qtrs

PARIS, Nov 5: Mark Philipoussis earned his third confidence-boosting win at the Paris Open by outscoring No 10 seed Tim Henman on Thursday, reports AFP.

The powerful Australian has struggled badly in three events since undergoing knee surgery but stood to a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, win as Henman continued his poor recent form.

Philipoussis, who beat No 8 seed Richard Krajicek in the second round after a first-round success against Nicolas Escudé, served 14 aces to Henman's seven, while the double fault count was 6-0 in Philipoussis' favour.

"All I am lacking from my game is matches under my belt and this week that is what I am getting," Philipoussis said. "I am concentrating extremely well and enjoying playing again."

"Players like to peak for the big tournaments and that is what I am starting to do," he added.

Philipoussis was unstoppable in the first set, which he clinched with a thunderous 206-kph (128mph) serve that had Henman floundering.

Injury forces Rios out of the season

SANTIAGO, Nov 5: Marcelo Rios, the world's former number one but currently ranked eighth, bowed out on Thursday of the rest of the 1999 season because of a pelvic injury he has been carrying for several months, reports Reuters.

Rios told reporters he had decided not to play in the big season-ending Hanover tournament, starting on November 22. He has also pulled out of next week's Stockholm Open.

"I have a lot of pain and like this it is impossible to play," Rios said.

Rios, who had been in line to join the top eight ranked players in Hanover, is to seek medical advice on whether he should have an operation.

The Chilean was eliminated from the Paris Open on Wednesday, going down in straight sets to Michael Chang.

He said of his season: "I wanted to end fifth or sixth in the rankings, but still I'll end as one of the top 10 players for a third year which is good."

Cricket in a state

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especially for West Indian cricket, because he was putting so much into the game as a coach.

"It's scary that someone of my era in the game has gone.

"He had so much to offer, he was a great professional and a great guy as well."

Pakistan captain Wasim Akram paying his tribute saying: "Malcolm was one of the cleverest fast bowlers in cricket and he was my fast bowling idol."

"His skills were to pick the mistakes of batsmen straight away and spot their weaknesses."

"He was a nice fellow off the field, but a fierce competitor on it and on behalf of the Pakistan team I offer my condolences to his family."

Hampshire chairman Brian Ford described Marshall as "a lovely, lovely man in addition to being the terrific cricketer that we all know."

"I can see him on the balcony at Lord's in 1992 when we won the Benson and Hedges Cup beaming all over his face having finally won his cup-winning medal."

Former Australian Test player Greg Matthews was a teammate of Marshall's when he played for Waverley in the Sydney club competition.

He recalled how during his first over for Waverley, Marshall roared for a catch behind and was stunned when the umpire gave the batsman not out.

"He finished the over and went down to fine leg and you could hear him complaining from there. They would have heard him on Bondi Beach," Matthews said.

"But that was because he was so competitive. Some other sportspeople take a step back when they come down from a higher level but he was never like that."

"He is the best fast bowler I think we have produced, along with Michael Holding and Wes Hall. I think the entire world will mourn Malcolm. He was everybody's friend — to Barbados, West Indian cricket, the rest of the Caribbean, Hampshire and everywhere he's gone. I do not know anybody who would say anything bad about Malcolm Marshall, as a person or as a cricketer," said former West Indies teammate Colin Croft.

"Malcolm was one of the world's greatest fast bowlers, a great thinker and a well-balanced individual who gave his best whether batting or bowling," Peter Short, the former West Indies Cricket Association president giving his reaction.

"I first faced Malcolm in the 1991 series in the West Indies and I think he will go down as one of the great modern fast bowlers. He was a quick and skiddy bowler who could move the ball both ways. He was the complete fast bowler in my opinion. Off the field he was a very nice man and everyone in cricket will miss him," said former England captain Michael Atherton.

"I faced him on my first England tour and he was the most fearsome of opponents on the field but off it, one of the nicest blokes you could meet. He was a genuinely nice man, certainly one of the best fast bowlers I ever faced and probably one of greatest of all time — it's a great shock," said England batsman and former captain Alec Stew-

Youhana, Inzamam miss tons



BRISBANE, Nov 5: Damien Fleming salvaged a potentially disastrous toss decision with late Pakistan wickets as Australia clawed back on the opening day of the first cricket Test here Friday, reports AFP.

Skipper Steve Waugh admitted his decision to send an "underdog" Pakistan into bat on a green-tinted Gabba pitch was not "looking too flash" until Fleming struck with the second new ball.

A near-record stand between Inzamamul Haq and Younus Youhana had Pakistan in command at 265 for three before the late flurry of dismissals loosened the tourists' grip to be 280 for six at stumps.

Fleming removed Youhana and nightwatchman Mushtaq Ahmed to add to his earlier scalps of Mohammad Wasim and Ijaz Ahmed to finish the day on an upswing for the world champion Australians.

The Victorian swing bowler came off with 4-57 from 25 overs. Three of the dismissals involved catches for Test debutant wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist, the successor to newly-retired Ian Healy.

"There probably wasn't enough in the wicket as I thought there would be," said Waugh. "I was confident it was the right choice, but at the end of the day I wasn't looking too flash until the last couple of wickets."

Inzamam (88) and Youhana (95) put on 152 runs for the fourth wicket — three short of the Pakistan's best against Australia — to have the tourists in command.

At the close, Azhar Mahmood, who was doubled-up in pain by a blow to the groin from a Fleming delivery, was not out seven with Abdur Razzaq yet to score.

"I think they're 55-45 up at this stage, we've clawed our way back and tomorrow morning will be crucial, if we can bowl them out for something under 350 I think we've done well," said Waugh, leading Australia for the first time in a home series after the retirement of Mark Taylor.

Youhana fell agonisingly five runs short of his first century against Australia when he edged Fleming to Gilchrist 15 minutes before stumps.

Youhana was crestfallen as West Indian umpire Eddie Nicholls raised his finger to end his innings and he trudged back to the dressingroom ruing his missed opportunity.

The 25-year-old right-hander batted for 209 minutes and hit 16 fours.

Inzamam was again denied a century when he was trapped lbw by Glenn McGrath for 88 about a half-hour before stumps.

The burly right-handed No 4 was attempting to improve on his previous highest score of 97 against Australia at Peshawar last year.

So in control of proceedings were Pakistan that they have worked their way towards their highest score on the ground of 291, set back on the 1981-82

tour.

Inzamam, a 56-Test batting mainstay of the Pakistan top order, thwarted the Australian attack for 255 minutes clouting 15 boundaries off 199 balls.

"We worked pretty well all day and we deserved a few wickets at the end, but we weren't quite on our game in the first 10-15 overs this morning and we didn't do enough with the new ball," said Waugh.

That was mainly due to the positive hitting of experienced opener Saeed Anwar, whose chanciness 61 frustrated the Australian attack.

In fact skipper Waugh was forced to turn to bowling partners Ricky Ponting, Greg

the tourists at 42 for two just after the morning drinks break.

Fellow opener Mohammad Wasim lost his wicket to a lazy shot two balls after drinks when he edged Fleming giving Gilchrist his first catch in Tests.

Waugh's indiscretion exposed Ijaz Ahmed and three balls later he was on his way without scoring when he snicked Fleming to a diving Warne at first slip.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first day's play in the first cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan in Brisbane on Friday:

PAKISTAN: First Innings

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Healy given hearty adieu

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 5: Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy got the sendoff denied by national selectors when he received an emotional farewell from his home town crowd at the first cricket Test against Pakistan here today, reports AFP.

Healy, who announced his retirement from the game last week, missed out on ending his wonderful playing career before his Gabba fans as selectors moved to supplant the 35-year-old with Adam Gilchrist.

Selectors have been criticised for not giving Healy the opportunity to bow out fittingly to public acclaim for an 11-year Test career.

Healy played in 119 Tests and scored 4,356 runs at 27.39, with four centuries and 22 half-centuries.

He made 366 catches and 29 stumpings for a Test world record 395 dismissals.

Today Healy, covered in green and gold streamers, drove around the Gabba ground in an open convertible with his three children to receive the hero worship of his fans during the tea break on the opening day of the first Test.

The entire Pakistan team, led by captain Wasim Akram, came on to the field to applaud Healy as he drove past. He gave them a heart-felt thumbs-up for their respects.

As the Australian players came back on to the field after tea, long-time Test teammate Michael Slater sprinted across the ground to shake Healy's hand.

Capriati advances

QUEBEC, Nov 5: American Jennifer Capriati, trying to regain the form she flashed as a promising teen, beat Seda Noorlander of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals of the Bell Challenge, reports AP.

In another afternoon match Thursday, American Mashona Washington advance to her first WTA quarterfinal with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Japan's Shinobu Asagoe.

French Preview

Auxerre, the team to beat

In France Auxerre are showing that money does not necessarily talk, reports AFP.

The 1996 Double winners, who only escaped relegation last season with a last day win, defend the top spot on Sunday when they visit Nantes, who beat Seda Noorlander of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals of the Bell Challenge, reports AP.

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Sunderland face the Boro test

Astle rampages at Rajkot

RAJKOT, India, Nov 5: Nathan Astle sparkled with bat and ball as New Zealand compiled their highest one-day score to defeat India by 43 runs in the first of the five one-day internationals here today, reports AFP.

Astle fittingly ended the match by catching Anil Kumble off seamer Scott Styris, who marked his international debut with three for 63 in 10 overs.

Earlier, Spearman and Astle gave the tourists a flying start of 40 as the Kiwis revelled in perfect batting conditions to score a record 349 for 9 in 50 overs, before bowling the hosts out for 306 with three overs to spare.

Ajay Jadeja top-scored for India with 95 off 97 balls, but it was not enough to prevent New Zealand from recording only their third win in 13 matches on Indian soil.

The Kiwis, eager to avenge the 1-0 defeat by India in the recent three-Test series, took advantage of the flat wicket and the short outfield to hammer the Indian bowling.

Craig Spearman smashed 68 off 44 balls and Roger Twose hit a run-a-ball 56 as New Zealand overtook their previous best of 348 — also against India in 1995.

India, chasing a stiff target of seven runs in an over, began superbly when skipper Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly put on 87 for the first wicket in just 11.4 overs.

Tendulkar, dropped by wicketkeeper Adam Parore in Dion Nash's first over, made 32, while left-hander Ganguly contributed 41.

Both batsmen, however, fell in successive overs as India slipped to 90 for two in the 13th.

Jadeja kept India in the hunt by adding 81 for the third wicket with Rahul Dravid and 68 for the fourth with Robin Singh.

The Indians moved to 239 for 3 in the 38th over, before New Zealand hit back with five wickets in the space of 29 runs.

Astle followed his seventh one-day century by trapping Dravid leg-before for 39 and

ignored for the Test series, added 109 for the second wicket with Astle to lift the Kiwis to 224 for 1 by the 32nd over.

Astle raced to his century, but the Indians prevented what appeared to be a 400 plus score by grabbing eight wickets for 125 runs.

Prasad took three wickets at a cost of 75 runs in his 10 overs.

Off-spinner Nikhil Chopra conceded 72 runs without success in his 10, while Kumble went for 2 for 4.

The second one-day will be

played in the southern city of

Hyderabad on Monday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between India and New Zealand on Friday:

NEW ZEALAND

Spearman c Bharadwaj b Prasad 120

Twose b Srinath 56

Fleming c Dravid b Prasad 10

Cairns run out 24

Harris c Tendulkar b Bharadwaj 23

Parore c Chopra b Bharadwaj 18

Nash not out 6

Styris c Prasad b Kumble 1

Vettori c Jadeja b Kumble 0

Extras (b-1, lb-7, w-19, nb-5) 3

Total: (For nine wickets in 50 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-115; 2-224;

3-244; 4-277; 5-310; 6-336; 7-

343; 8-345; 9-345.

Bowler O M R W

Srinath 10 2 51 1

Prasad 10 0 75 3

Kumble 10 0 64 2

Chopra 10 0 72 0

Tendulkar 3 0 18 0

Bharadwaj 5 0 44 2

Singh 2 0 2