

Wasim & Co go to camp on Dec 15

KARACHI, Dec 12 (Internet report): The conditioning camp of Pakistan cricket team will commence at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore from December 15 in which all-rounder Abdul Razzaq would also be watched to ensure he has recovered completely from a groin problem.

The conditioning camp is being held on the insistence of captain Wasim Akram. Pakistan team, which was whitewashed (3-0) by Australia in the Test series earlier, would go down under for the triangular World Series on December 27. The one-day series, also involving India and Australia, begins from January 9, 2000.

Besides the 14 selected players for the triangular, the selection committee has also decided to invite some members of the Pakistan under-19 team, which is going to Sri Lanka for the World Youth Cup, to the camp.

Chief selector Salauddin Ahmed stated that both teams would benefit from the camp, as both face a tough assignment ahead of them. "The youngsters should get some valuable tips from their seniors, while the junior bowlers and batsmen will have a good workout in the camp against quality stuff." The junior team led by Hasan Raza is scheduled to leave for Colombo on January 6, while the World Cup starts from the 11th.

Razzaq meanwhile did not play in the last two Tests against Australia after playing in the opening Test in Brisbane and was said to be having groin problems for which he was advised by the team physiotherapist Dale Naylor, who will be joining the team again in Australia for the triangular series.

V-Day v'ball

The Victory Day volleyball tournament began at the Dhaka Volleyball Stadium yesterday with Bangladesh Army Red and Bangladesh Rifles winning their opening matches, reports UNB.

Army Red beat Bangladesh Navy 25-22, 25-23, 19-25, 25-16 in the first match while Bangladesh Rifles earned an 23-25, 25-21, 25-16, 25-7 points victory over Bangladesh Army Green in the other match.

The tourney matches will resume on Tuesday at 2 pm.

England A win Kiwi series

WELLINGTON, Dec 12 (Internet report): England A clinched a comprehensive 10-wicket victory in the second A Test at Wellington to seal a 1-0 series success against New Zealand today.

Mark Alleyne's side produced a superb performance in difficult conditions to seal the win inside three days. The two sides had drawn at Christchurch in the first Test.

David Sales was the architect of England's triumph by scoring his second century of the tour to help the tourists reach 309 all out in their first innings for a lead of 154.

Sales, who was 60 overnight, reached his hundred in 213 minutes off 147 balls with 17 fours and a six.

Then in a devastating session before lunch, England A destroyed New Zealand's top order while only conceding 13 runs. They were all out for 159.

Openers Michael Gough and Ian Ward achieved their target off just 10 deliveries.

Serie A

Milan blank Torino

ROME, Dec 12: AC Milan closed the gap on the leading trio in Serie A on Saturday as goals from Oliver Bierhoff and Andriy Shevchenko overcame stubborn resistance from Torino for a 2-0 victory at San Siro, reports AFP.

The three points bring the reigning champions level on points with neighbours Inter, who have a superior goal difference but face a tough trip to Juventus on Sunday.

Roma, Lazio and Juventus currently lead the way with 25 points from 12 games.

Saturday's triumph gets Milan back on track after last week's reverse against Fiorentina.

However, the Milanese were not firing on all cylinders against a tough-tackling and defensive-minded Torino whose strikeforce of Edoardo Arditiso and former AC Milan player Gianluigi Lentini were always dangerous on the counter-attack.

Milan were fortunate in that they got off to a dream start with German international striker Bierhoff turning in the opener from a centre by Croatian Zvonimir Boban.

Arditiso and Lentini thereafter took the game to the hosts but both spurned good chances and, having weathered the storm, Milan, who should have had a second half penalty for a foul on Boban.

Fortunately for Milan, referee Stefano Braschi did heed a second penalty appeal for a spotkick which Ukrainian Shevchenko duly converted to wrap up a vital win.

Australia nicely

From page 13
Langer & Gandhi & Kumble 38
Maugh not out 0
Extras: (b-3, lb-3, nb-1) 7
Total: (for two wickets in 28 overs) 71

Bowler O M R W
Srinath 8 1 23 1
Agarkar 5 2 11 0
Prasad 7 2 14 0
Kumble 8 3 17 1



Khelaghlar skipper Shamsul (L) receiving the 19th Damal Smriti cricket trophy from Fahmida Islam (C), the daughter of late Dr Mazharul Islam Damal, and BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury yesterday.

— Star photo

England stage fightback



PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Dec 12 (AFP): South African batsman Jacques Kallis survived a controversial decision as the England bowlers put a clamp on the South African batting on the fourth day of the second Test at St George's Park Sunday.

After leading by 77 runs on the first innings, South Africa crawled to 189 for four in 84 overs at close of play, an overall lead of 266.

The slow scoring rate ruled out any chance of South Africa making an early declaration and jeopardised their chances of extending a world record-equalling sequence of ten successive home wins.

Kallis was unbeaten on 74 after batting for 322 minutes and facing 231 balls, hitting only three fours.

But Kallis should have been out for 12. He edged a ball from left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell which went low to Chris Adams at gully. The England players celebrated but Kallis stood his ground. South African umpire Rudi Koertzen called for third umpire Dave Orchard to judge whether the ball had carried to the back.

Orchard could not be sure because of inconclusive video evidence but pictures taken by the English Sky TV station showed that it had been a fair catch. The Sky camera was not linked to the video recording system of the host broadcaster, South African Broadcasting Corporation, and the pictures were not seen by Orchard.

Match referee Jarman of Australia said: "The technology available to the third umpire was inconclusive. However, it would be a marvellous thing if all the technology at the ground was made available to the third umpire." In an indirect comment on the modern trend for batsmen not to "walk" unless given out, Jarman said: "I wonder if the batsman saw

it."

The incident was reminiscent of the confrontation between Mike Atherton and Allan Donald at Trent Bridge in 1998 when Atherton was caught off his glove while fending off a lifting ball from Donald at a crucial stage of the fourth Test. Atherton stood and was given not out by New Zealand umpire Steve Dunne. He then withstood a barrage of bouncers by had ten.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the fourth day of the second Test between South Africa and England at St George's Park on Sunday:

South Africa: First innings

450 (D Cullinan 58, J Rhodes 50, L Klusener 174; P Tufnell 4-124)

England: First innings

(Overnight 364-9)

M. Butcher b Pollock 4

M. Atherton b Hayward 108

N. Hussain c Boucher b Donald 82

M. Vaughan b Hayward/wta' w

/A1A234/1

A. Stewart b Donald 15

C. Adams c Kallis (R) RNvix Y 25

A. Flintoff b Pollock 42

A. Caddick b Hayward 35

D. Gough b Donald 6

C. Silverwood c Klusener b Hayward 6

P. Tufnell not out 7

Extras (b-1, lb-8, nb-13) 22

Total (137.1 overs) 373

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-160, 3-

228, 4-229, 5-264, 6-281, 7-336;

8-349, 9-364

Bowler O M R W

Donald 34 9 109 3

Pollock 34 7 112 3

Hayward 28.1 7 75 4

Klusener 25 9 48 0

Cronje 16 5 20 0

South Africa: Second innings

G. Kirsten c Vaughan b Gough 2

H. Gibbs c Flintoff b Caddick 10

J. Kallis not out 74

D. Cullinan b Caddick 18

W. Cronje c Vaughan b Flintoff 27

J. Rhodes not out 33

Extras (b-4, lb-10, nb-8, w1) 23

Total (4 wkts, 84 overs) 189

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-17, 3-

50, 4/98

Bowler O M R W

Morgan 1 0 5 0

Mills 1 0 9 0

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Sport

Auckland thwart Windies

AUCKLAND, Dec 12: Auckland frustrated the West Indies on the third day of their four-day match, fending off the tourists' attack before being bowled out for 369 just before the close of play today, reports Reuters.

Auckland batted until 15 minutes before the close at Eden Park after hanging on to restrict the West Indies' first innings lead to just 11 runs.

The West Indies were 14 without loss at the close after openers Sherwin Campbell and Daren Ganga faced just two overs in a match which is likely headed for a draw.

The West Indies bowlers toiled hard for most of the day — there were two short stoppages for rain — but met stubborn resistance led by number three batsman Jolin Aiken with 84.

Number six Aaron Barnes chipped in with 52 before tailenders Kyle Mills and Kerry Walmsley put on 63 runs in a valuable last-wicket stand.

Auckland resumed on 120 for two and lost the wickets of middle-order batsmen Stephen Lynch and Richard King quickly.

Aiken, who was on 34 when play was interrupted by rain at tea on Saturday, looked far safer even despite a slow patch in the session between lunch and tea.

He and Barnes got the scoreboard moving again and figured in a fifth wicket partnership of 60 before Aiken led to a sharp slips catch of the bowling of impressive left armer Pedro Collins.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of the third day of the four-day match between the West Indies and Auckland on Sunday:

WEST INDIES: First innings

380

Auckland: First innings (overnight 120-2)

McIntosh c Adams b Perry 30

Pocock c Powell b King 29

Aiken c Powell b Collins 84

Lynch lbw Collins 11

King c Jacobs b Rose 9

Barnes c Jacobs b Rose 52

Walker lbw Collins 0

Young c Lara b King 29

Mills not out 45

Morgan lbw Perry 3

Walmsley c Jacobs b Adams 26

Extras (lb-30, b-10, lb-11) 51

Total (All out in 141.1 overs) 369

Fall of wickets: 1-69; 2-98; 3-

135; 4-160; 5-220; 6-220; 7-268;

8-301; 9-306

Bowler O M R W

Rose 32 6 96 2

King 33 13 74 2

Collins 29 7 77 3

Perry 37 13 67 2

Adams 51, 0 23 1

Chandlerpaul 5 1 11 0

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