

Sport

Dravid among the runs

HOBART, Dec 17: Rahul Dravid hit form on the Australian tour with a century as India made 241 for six on the opening day of the four-day match against Tasmania here today, reports AFP.

Dravid, one of the main batting stars for the tourists, surpassed his previous best of 42 on the tour to make 107 after India elected to bat in cold and blustery conditions at the Bellerive Oval.

Dravid put on 114 for the third wicket with left-hander Hrishikesh Kanitkar, who staked a claim for the number six spot in the Test series with a watchful 58.

But India's hunt for a suitable opening pair after the 285-run defeat in the first Test at Adelaide on Tuesday, proved futile.

Venkat Laxman, promoted to open the innings in place of the off-form Devang Gandhi, failed to score when he was caught behind off fast bowler Damien Wright in the third over.

The other opener, Sadagopan Ramesh, fell for 34, edging left arm seamer Andrew Downton to first slip to make India 55 for two.

Dravid and Kanitkar carried the Indians to 83-2 at lunch and stayed together till 15 minutes after tea when seamer Scott Kremerskothen trapped Kanitkar leg before.

India, sailing comfortably at 227 for three, lost three wickets late in the final session in the space of eight runs.

Vijay Bharadwaj, Kanitkar's main rival for a Test spot, was run out for 14. Dravid's 324-minute vigil ended when he edged the second new ball from Wright.

Stand-in captain Sourav Ganguly gave wicket-keeper Manoj Atkinson his third catch of the innings after making five, leaving reserve wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia unbeaten on four in the company of tailenders.

Indian coach Kapil Dev said Kanitkar will certainly come into the reckoning for the second Test, starting at Melbourne on Boxing Day.

Hrishikesh Kanitkar said he got out "Kapil said, 'He could be our man for the middle-order.'"

"As for Rahul, he is too good a player to miss out for long. He will give a lot on this tour."

India went into the match without skipper Sachin Tendulkar and four other regulars, Javagal Srinath, Ajit Agarkar, Anil Kumble and wicketkeeper Manuvra Prasad.

Maddy muddles Bord-EP

ALICE, South Africa, Dec 17 (Reuters/APF): Darren Maddy boosted his Test hopes as he scored a match winning 133 to help England beat an Eastern Province/Border Invitation XI by 153 runs on Thursday.

England scored an impressive 309 for eight off their 50 overs as Maddy plundered his runs off just 116 balls with 11 fours. England then bowled out the Invitation XI for 156 in the 37th over.

With Mark Butcher battling for form, the 25-year-old Maddy put himself in line to take over as Mike Atherton's opening partner for the third Test starting in Durban in 10 days time.

After a solid opening partnership of 54 between captain Nasser Hussain, who was first out for 23, and Atherton, Maddy then shared in a rollicking 65 for the second wicket on a pitch that showed plenty of uneven bounce.

Atherton was dismissed for 51, and from then on Maddy dominated the innings with the next highest score coming from off-spinner Graeme Swann with 29.

With the outfield looking more like a cabbage patch than a cricket ground, fielding was difficult and Maddy took full

advantage to help England add 102 in the final 10 overs.

The Leicestershire batsman was eventually out in the final over, caught on the boundary in the chase for runs.

Facing a run rate of 6.1 runs an over, the Combined XI lost their first two wickets for 28 runs and never recovered.

Opener Mark Benfield top scored with a gutsy 58 off 83 balls, but the introduction of left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell and Swann scuppered any local hopes.

Both spinners picked up three wickets, with Tufnell ending with three for 34 and Swann three for 38.

England next face an Eastern Province/Border XI in a four-day match starting in East London on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day cricket match between a Combined Border/Eastern Province XI and England at the Ntselamanzi ground on Thursday:

ENGLAND

Hussain b Creed	23
Atherton c Ntini b Peterson	51
Maddy c Ntini b Maketa	133
Adams b Peterson	0
Plintoff st Mitchell b Peterson	5
Hamilton c De Wett b Peterson	19
Swann c Grace b Maketa	29
Read run out (Abrahams)	1
Tudor not out	16
Silverwood not out	2

Extras: (b-2, lb-7, w-17, nb-4) 30
Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs) 309
Fall of wickets: 1-54; 2-119; 3-119; 4-132; 5-194; 6-238; 7-258; 8-300.

Bowler

Ntini	10	1	71	0
Creed	9	0	71	1
Abrahams	10	0	36	0
Maketa	9	0	66	2
Peterson	10	0	43	4 (w)
De Wett	2	0	13	0

BORDER/EP XI

Benfield c and b Tufnell	58
Grace b Silverwood	14
De Wett lb Silverwood	0
Pope c Hussain b Swann	23
Garnet c Tudor b Swann	20
Mitchell c Maddy b Swann	4
Creed lb Tufnell	2
Abrahams c Atherton b Hussain	11
Peterson c Adams b Tufnell	7
Maketa run out (Maddy)	0
Ntini not out	0

Extras: (b-7, lb-5, w-4, nb-1) 17
Total: (All out in 36.4 overs) 156
Fall of wickets: 1-28; 2-28; 3-88; 4-114; 5-123; 6-126; 7-147; 8-150; 9-150.

Bowler

Silverwood	6	0	24	2
Hamilton	5	1	17	0
Tudor	3	0	17	0
Adams	2	0	12	0
Swann	10	0	38	3
Tufnell	9.4	0	34	3
Hussain	1	0	2	1

Result: England won by 153 runs

Man-of-the-match: Darren Maddy.

Bundesliga preview

Nothing going right for Kaiserslautern

COLOGNE, Germany, Dec 17: Old sores have been reopened at Kaiserslautern after a week in which the Red Devils got thumped on three occasions, including a whimperless exit from the UEFA Cup, reports AFP.

Dis harmony in the team, which began with Ciriaco Sforza's private war with coach Otto Rehagel in September, has torn deep lines in the team which seemed to have regained its composure after a slow start to the season.

Wednesday's 0-2 defeat by Freiburg at home though confirmed that the bad old ways of ill-discipline and in-fighting never really left, they were just papered over by the purchase of such big names as Youri Djorkaeff and Mario Basler.

"We always claim to be a family," the head of Kaiserslautern's executive board Jurgen Friedrichs said. "Well, then we have to behave that way. Things are happening in the background which undermine the collective and that kills off morale."

"For instance, whenever a player is substituted there is a big debate about 'why me?'. That

has to stop. We are all unhappy with the football we are playing and our position on the table. It can't go on like this, something has to change."

Otto Rehagel and Friedrichs, who are close friends, want to make some of those changes before Saturday's game at 1860 Munich but haven't revealed what they are considering.

Bayer Leverkusen too are lamenting a slip in standards so that club manager Rainer Calmund burst into the dressing room at half time Wednesday when they were 1-0 down at Eintracht Frankfurt.

"I was so upset by the way we were playing that I went to the rooms during a game for the first time in three or four years," Calmund said. "After our unlucky exit from the Champions League and UEFA Cup such a lack of discipline just can't be tolerated."

"With the door shut I dug deep into the bad language department. It was necessary though and completely understandable regardless of whether you were Brazilian, German or Croatian. Losing a game is one thing but not with that Mary Poppins type of football we played in the first half."

On Saturday Leverkusen host Unterhaching.

Rumours are rife that Frankfurt's Jorg Berger will be sacked as trainer if he doesn't get full points Saturday at SSV Ulm. President Rolf Heller was reportedly seen meeting Bernd Krauss, who was recently fired by Spanish side Real Sociedad San Sebastian, in Cologne this week.

Frankfurt's fans are so disappointed that they boycotted the opening 15 minutes of Wednesday's 1-2 loss to Leverkusen.

VfB Stuttgart's tail is up but Bulgarian star Krassimir Balakow is causing woe. He is having trouble adapting to Ralf Rangnick's new system which focuses on the team as a whole rather than Balakow as its central playmaker.

He was substituted at half time Tuesday when Stuttgart beat Hansa Rostock and stormed out of the stadium claiming he wasn't getting a fair chance. "There is no problem between me and Balakow, it's a matter of form," Rangnick said. "He's not been fully fit since his injury."

Balakow, who gets his next chance Friday at bottom side Arminia Bielefeld, is of a different opinion and believes Rangnick wants to push him out.

A rematch of last year's German Cup final will be played out in Friday's other game by Bayern Munich and Werder Bremen. Bayern had a lucky 2-1 win over Bielefeld midweek while Bremen, the only other team still represented in all three competitions - Europe, the German Cup and the Bundesliga - are also showing signs of tiredness.

The remaining games in round 17 will see Freiburg vs Wolfsburg (Saturday); Hansa Rostock vs Schalke and Borussia Dortmund vs Hertha Berlin (both Sunday).

FIXTURES

Friday (both 1900 GMT): Bayern Munich vs Werder Bremen, Arminia Bielefeld vs VfB Stuttgart.

Saturday (all 1430 GMT): 1860 Munich vs Kaiserslautern, Bayer Leverkusen vs Unterhaching, SSV Ulm vs Frankfurt, SC Freiburg vs VfL Wolfsburg, Hamburg SV vs MSV Duisburg.

Sunday: Hansa Rostock vs Schalke 04 (1630 GMT), Borussia Dortmund vs Hertha Berlin (1900 GMT)

UEFA Cup

Fourth Round

Fixed dates	2.3+9.3.2000
1 Parma AC (ITA)	SV Werder Bremen (GER)
2 Juventus FC (ITA)	Celta de Vigo (ESP)
3 AS Roma (ITA)	Leeds United AFC (ENG)
4 Real Mallorca (ESP)	AS Monaco (FRA)
5 SK Slavia Praha (CZE)	Udinese Calcio (ITA)
6 Borussia Dortmund (GER)	Galatasaray (TUR)
7 Club Atletico de Madrid (ESP)	RC Lens (FRA)
8 Arsenal FC (ENG)	Deportivo La Coruna (ESP)

A UEFA official places the name plate of Deportivo La Coruna beside Arsenal during the draw for the UEFA Cup draw in Geneva on December 15.

NEW ACB RULES FOR PLAYING ABROAD

MELBOURNE, Dec 17: Australian cricketers Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath will be subjected to fitness tests under new regulations before taking up English county contracts next year, the Australian Cricket Board said, reports Reuters.

The Australian Cricketers' Association, the players' union, has agreed to new regulations that give the ACB more power over those who want to play overseas, including the right to revoke contracts.

Leg-spinner Warne and pace bowler McGrath have signed lucrative contracts with Hampshire and Worcestershire respectively for the 2000 season.

"Any player who applies for permission will be required to have a fitness test before the departure and if they are suffering or at risk of serious injury, we can revoke our consent," said ACB chief executive Malcolm Speed.

He added that when a player was overseas, they could request he be tested by an independent medical specialist and "if he is injured or at risk of serious injury, then we can revoke the county contract and he won't be allowed to play for the county again."

Australia are not scheduled to undertake a major tour during next year's northern hemisphere summer but will host South Africa in three limited-overs matches in Melbourne in August.

Italian Cup Juve sail into quarters

TURIN, Italy, Dec 17: Juventus beat Napoli 1-0, 4-1 on aggregate, in their Italian Cup second leg third round match in front of a near empty stadium here on Thursday night as they lined up a quarter-final with league leaders Lazio, reports AFP.

Argentinian Juan Esnaider headed the matchwinner from a pass by Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca in the 28th minute, putting the outcome beyond doubt after Juventus' convincing win in the first leg.

So unattractive was the tie, along with the wintry conditions which kept temperatures hovering around 0 degrees, that barely 1,000 fans turned up to an echoing Delle Alpi stadium.

It was a far cry from the 70,000 fans who turned up at the San Paolo ground in Naples a fortnight ago to support their Second Division team against the Serie A giants.

Next month's other quarter-finals feature a derby between AC Milan and Inter, AS Roma v Cagliari and Fiorentina v Venezia.



Juventus' Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids (R) gets past a Napoli player in their Italian Cup encounter on December 16.

French preview Testing times for Marseille

UNDATED, Dec 17: Second-placed Paris Saint Germain play Auxerre on Friday with table toppers Monaco facing an easy task against bottom club Montpellier on Saturday leaving most interest centring on crisis-ridden Marseille, who host Lens, reports AFP.

Marseille full back Patrick Blondeau fears an exodus of players in the wake of fans going on the rampage at their training ground earlier this week.

The supporters, who had been invited to a meeting on Monday with club directors and players, damaged the cars of captain Robert Pires and defender Sebastien Perez and then jostled several players, singling out Pires' fellow World Cup-winner Christophe Dugarry in particular.

"What I'm scared of is that certain players are going to leave. There will probably be more players leaving after what has happened," Blondeau said.

Marseille are reeling following their 5-1 defeat by a rampant St Etienne last Sunday though Lens, who won the title in 1998, stayed in the relegation places when they lost 2-1 on Tuesday to Nantes.

FIXTURES

Friday: Bordeaux v Rennes (18:45 GMT), Auxerre v Paris-SG (20:45 GMT)

Saturday: (all 20:00 GMT): Marseille v Lens, Monaco v Montpellier, Strasbourg v Troyes, Lyon v Metz, Nantes v Bastia, Sedan v Le Havre, Nancy v Saint-Etienne

Serie A preview Easy task on card for Lazio

MILAN, Dec 17: Italy's joint league leaders couldn't be in for a more difficult time this weekend with Lazio at home to relegation strugglers Fiorentina, reports AFP.

Lazio are top on goal difference in the Serie A that has taken them to the second phase of the Champions League.

Di Livio, who joined Fiorentina last summer after six years in Turin, also has a score to settle after his old club failed to renew his contract.

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Roma also face a scrap as they try to make amends for losing to Bologna last weekend and slipping from top to third place.

Fabio Capello's side are away to Parma, who have risen almost unstoppably since late September from third from bottom to fourth from top.

"Spurred on by the league's top scorer, 10-goal Argentinian Hernan Crespo, they are now ready to swap places with their opponents."

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The rivalry has not been

V-Day v'ball final today

Bangladesh Rifles take on Bangladesh Army in the Victoria Day volleyball final today at the Dhaka Volleyball Stadium, reports UNB.

Managing Director of National Bank Limited Rafiqul Islam Khan will be the chief guest at the final, which will start at 2 pm.

Earlier on Thursday, Rifles earned a hard-fought 25-20, 27-29, 25-18, 19-25, 25-12 points victory over Bangladesh Air Force while Army Rifles beat their Green by straight 25-20, 25-8, 25-12 points to reach the final.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

VIH KHN AHZW NDULHU
 NQM MQLPHA WV
 MHXXM IHPDEZAKV

PEV VIH XEMVOUA

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A WRESTLER CALLS YOU, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU SIMPLY PUT HIM ON HOLD.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals D

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Office of the Superintending Engineer
 Bogra O&M Circle
 BWDB, Bogra.

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Invitation No: RBPP/O&M Unit/Tender 05/1999-2000/3588/18/ Dated: 12/12/99

IDA Credit No. 2791-1-BD IDA Credit Name: River Bank Protection Project

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association towards the cost of River Bank Protection Project and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for (1) Bid Package No. W-39A repair of damages to Kalitola groyne during 1999 flood, (2) Bid Package No. W-39B repair of damages to Matherapara Hard Point during 1999 flood in PS Sariakandi, Dist. Bogra. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines: Procurement under IBRD loans and IDA credits.

2. The Superintending Engineer, Bogra O&M Circle, BWDB, Bogra, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for (1) Bid Package No. W-39A: Repair of damages to Kalitola groyne during 1999 flood, (2) Bid Package No. W-39B: Repair of damages to Matherapara Hard Point during 1999 flood in PS Sariakandi, Dist. Bogra, under Sirajganj BRE (Specialised) O&M Division, BWDB, Sirajganj, during the financial year 1999-2000.

3. Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at:

- 1) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi
- 2) The Manager, Janata Bank, BSIC Branch, Bogra
- 3) The Manager, Janata Bank, Masumpur Branch, Sirajganj
- 4) The Manager, Agrani Bank, WAPDA (Irr) Branch, Sapura, Rajshahi and
- 5) The Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, WAPDA Building, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka for a non-refundable fees for each set as shown in the list of packages herein. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned.

4. The provisions in the instructions to bidders and in the conditions of contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Works (SBD), National Competitive Bidding (Trial Edition-January 1998, revised February 1999), issued by the World Bank, Bangladesh Dhaka Office.

5. Bids shall be valid for a period of 91 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by security of Tk. 2.5% of the total quoted amount in favour of Deputy Director, Regional Accounts Center (RAC), BWDB, Bogra in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh and shall be delivered to Office of the Project Co-ordinator/PMU, RBPP and CERP, BWDB, Alhaj Mansion (7th floor), 82, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Tel:-88-02-9555673, during office hrs. up to 18.01.2000 and up to 12.00 hrs. on 19.01.2000.

6. Bidders may deliver their bids by any means including Courier Service, Registered Mail with acknowledgement due, etc. which must reach the above office before the deadline for submission of bids. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

7. Bids shall be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12.30 hours of 19-01-2000 in the office of the Project Co-ordinator/PMU, RBPP and CERP, BWDB, Alhaj Mansion (7th floor), 82, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Tel: 88-02-9555673.

8. A pre-bid conference will be held on 5.01.2000 in the office of the undersigned at 11.00 hours. Interested bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

List of bid packages showing cost of tender document, time allowed for work completion and class of eligible contractor

Bid Package No.	Brief description of works	Cost of tender documents per set (non-refundable)	Time allowed for work completion	Class of contractor/bidder	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
W-39A	Repair of damage to Kalitola groyne during 1999 flood in PS Sariakandi, Dist. Bogra during the financial year 1999-2000	Tk. 8,000.00 Or US\$ 160.00 equivalent	160 days	Special Class and A of BWDB or any qualified national or international contractors.	
W-39B	Repair of damage of Matherapara Hard Point during 1999 flood in PS Sariakandi, Dist. Bogra during the financial year 1999-2000	Tk. 3,000.00 Or US\$60.00 equivalent	160 days	Special Class and A of BWDB or any qualified national or international contractors.	

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