

Donald back for ODIs

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 10: Fast bowler Allan Donald will return to the South African squad for the first two of six limited-overs internationals against Sri Lanka in Port Elizabeth Friday and East London next Sunday, reports AFP.

SQUAD

Shaun Pollock (captain), Nicky Boje, Mark Boucher, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Neil McKenzie, Makhaya Ntini, Jonty Rhodes, Roger Telemachus.

Holders pay

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Anis lbw b Saifullah 1
Suja not out 10
Extras (lb-12, lb-5, w-1) 18
Total (For 8 wickets in 78.2 overs) 198
Fall of wickets: 1/21, 2/29, 3/30, 4/49, 5/56, 6/124, 7/127, 8/199

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sharif	13	5	17	1
Jahangir	18	6	28	0
Hasanuzzaman	2	0	7	0
Farhat	19	5	54	2
Rafiqul	7	1	33	1
Saifullah	13	4	23	2
Aminul	3	1	8	0
Javed	2	1	5	0
Bashar	1	0	7	0
Sanwar	0.2	0	0	1

BIMAN: Second innings
Rafiqul c Ehsanul b Sabbir 5
Jahangir b Akram 0
Sharif c Suja b Sabbir 10
Saifullah run out 1
Hasanuzzaman not out 4
Extras (lb-1, nb-2) 3
Total (For 4 wickets in 10.5 overs) 23

Fall of wickets: 1/7, 2/17, 3/18, 4/23

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	2	2	0	0
Ehsanul	2	1	2	0
Akram	3	1	2	1
Sabbir	3	1	9	2
Nafis	0.5	0	4	0

Fascinating

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Khan for 5 to leave the tourists at 349 for nine.

England's last pair, however, hung in and frustrated the home attack for 89 minutes until the innings was wrapped up by Saqlain Mushtaq who dismissed Gough, caught at silly point by Yousuf Youhana for 18.

Salisbury remained not out on 20.

Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq finished with 2-101 while Danish Kaneria took 2-80.

Pakistan off to a shaky start in their second innings lost openers Imran Nazir (4) and Saeed Anwar in quick succession as they went for some quick runs.

Nazir fell to a misfielded glance off Darren Gough and was caught by wicketkeeper Alec Stewart while Anwar was smartly snapped up by Graham Thorpe off a top edge on Andrew Caddick's bouncer.

The first two Tests in the series ended as draws in Lahore and Faisalabad and England are just 90 overs away from securing a 0-0 series draw on the Pakistan tour, their first for 13 years.

England has lost the last five series against Pakistan since 1983-84.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at stumps on day four of the third and final cricket Test between Pakistan and England at National Stadium on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: First innings 405 (Inzamam 142, Youhana 117; Giles 4-94, Gough 3-82).

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 277-4).
Atherton c Moin b Razzak 125
Trescothick c Nazir b Waqar 13
Hussain c Inzamam b Afridi 51
Thorpe lbw b Waqar 28
Stewart c Youhana b Saqlain 19
Hick c Afridi b Waqar 12
White st Moin b Kaneria 35
Giles b Waqar 19
Salisbury not out 20
Caddick c Moin b Kaneria 3
Gough c Youhana b Saqlain 18
Extras (lb-12, lb-9, nb-24) 45
Total (All out in 179.1 overs) 388

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-163, 3-195, 4-256, 5-278, 6-309, 7-339, 8-345, 9-349, 10-388.

Bowler: O M R W
Waqar 36 5 88 4
Razzak 28 7 64 1
Afridi 16 3 34 1
Saqlain 52.1 17 101 2
Kaneria 47 17 80 2

PAKISTAN: Second innings
Anwar c Thorpe b Caddick 21
Nazir c Stewart b Gough 4
Elahi not out 14
Inzamam b Giles 27
Saqlain not out 20
Extras (lb-2, nb-3) 5
Total (For 3 wickets in 25.3 overs) 71

Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-26, 3-71.
To bat: Yousuf Youhana, Shahid Afridi, Abdur Razzak, Moin Khan, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis and Danish Kaneria.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Mohammad Nazir (Pakistan).
TV umpire: Feroze Butt (Pakistan).

ICC match referee: Ranjan Madugalle (Sri Lanka).

Waqar

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he said.

Yousuf also played for Surrey and Gloucestershire for five years until 1997.

"I still have offers to play in the English season but now I want to play more and more for Pakistan," he said.



Grounds staff at the Wanderers in Johannesburg mopping rain water in the outfield yesterday following heavy morning shower. The third day's play in the third Test between South Africa and New Zealand was abandoned due to the water logged ground. — AFP photo

Lara finds his feet



HOBART, Dec 10: Injured champion Brian Lara relieved West Indian misery with an unbeaten half-century against Australia A here Sunday in the tourists' last chance to find form before this week's third Adelaide Test, reports AFP.

At the close on the second day of the four-day game, the West Indies were 172 for five in reply to Australia A's 439 for nine declared.

The tourists were rescued from another tour humiliation by Lara (62) and Test wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs (30), who have put on an unbeaten stand of 92.

They came together after the top order failed again — apart from Wavell Hinds' streaky 40.

Lara, who has been nursing a hamstring injury that is defying specialists' prediction of an early cure, came in at No. 7, looked highly vulnerable early, but gradually flourished.

Coach Roger Harper said Lara, who is on a course of injections and can scarcely run, was put down the order in the hope he wouldn't have to bat on Sunday.

Harper refused to speculate on whether Lara would be fit enough to play in the Adelaide Test, which starts on Friday.

That depends on how far from 100 per cent he is and whether we think he can get through the Test and make a positive contribution," he said.

Sunday's second day's play was in two parts — a helter-skelter of Australian runs and wickets in the morning and a West Indian struggle for survival thereafter.

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Despite the friendly Bellerive Oval wicket, none of the West Indian top order looked comfortable against Nash, Andrew Bichel and Mathew Inness.

All of them produced more hostility than their West Indian counterparts, regularly beating or taking the edge.

Nash took the honours with 3-37 while left-arm Inness (1-24) from 16 overs with 10 maidens was the most miserly.

Three of the West Indians — Sherwin Campbell (9), Daren Ganga (18) and Hinds — contributed to their own downfall, being caught in the deep off miscued pulls or hooks.

When Lara came in, the way to spin, he cut loose — especially against the part-time Katich's friendly offerings.

His 62 took only 103 minutes, and included 10 fours and a five.

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Scoreboard at close of play on the second day of the four-day match between Australia A and West Indies on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA A: First innings (overnight 306-4)
Cox b Stuart 6
Maher b Stuart 150
Love b Stuart 76
Martin c Adams b Hinds 37
Katich c Black b Jeremy 46
Hodge c Samuels b Black 14
Haddin c Ganga b Samuels 37
Bichel c Browne b Samuels 20
Nash c Stuart b Samuels 30
Oldroyd not out 4
Extras (lb-14, w-2, nb-3) 19
Total (nine wickets declared) 439

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-172, 3-262, 4-289, 5-341, 6-343, 7-405, 8-406, 9-439

Did not bat: M. Inness
Bowler: O M R W
Black 23 4 71 1
Stuart 28 1 110 3
Jeremy 23 3 85 1
Adams 13 2 41 0
Samuels 27.3 4 100 3
Hinds 3 0 18 1

WEST INDIES: First innings
Campbell c Oldroyd b Nash 9
Ganga c Oldroyd b Bichel 18
Hinds c Bichel b Nash 40
Adams c Love b Inness 0
Samuels c Haddin b Nash 9
Jacobs not out 30
Lara not out 62
Extras (lb-1, nb-3) 4
Total (For five wickets) 172

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-50, 3-50, 4-73, 5-80

To bat: C. Browne, M. Black, C. Stuart, K. Jeremy
Bowler: O M R W
Bichel 17 4 52 1
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Inness 16 1 10 2
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Katich 6 0 29 0

Windies were a miserable 80 for five.

He looked most uncomfortable early and missed or edged several times as the pace trio tried to unsettle him with short, rearing deliveries.

He gave one tough chance on 43 and ambled singles when two were on offer.

But his innings blossomed steadily, starting with a fine cover drive, followed up by a fierce square cut and delicate late cut.

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Day Two rained off

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 10: Rain prevented play on the third day of the third and final Test between South Africa and New Zealand at the Wanderers Stadium on Sunday, reports AFP.

Heavy rain in the morning saturated the ground but it was hoped some play would be possible later in the day.

Further rain started to fall soon after 2.00 pm (1200 GMT) and the umpires finally called off play half an hour later.

It was the second full day lost to rain in the match. No play was possible on the first day Friday.

New Zealand were bowled out for 200 Saturday after being sent in to bat. South Africa were 18 for one in reply.

An extra hour's play will be added to both the two remaining days with 105 overs scheduled to be bowled on both days.

South Africa lead the series 2-0.

SCOREBOARD

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NEW ZEALAND: First innings
Richardson c Boucher b Ngam 46
Parore c McKenzie b Ntini 10
Stuair c Klusener b Pollock 24
Fleming b Ntini 14
Astle c Kallis b Ntini 12
McMillan c Klusener b Kallis 4
Marshall not out 40
Walker lbw b Klusener 17
Tuffey c Boucher b Ngam 8
O'Connor c Kallis b Pollock 9
Martin b Kallis 0
Extras (lb-2, lb-9, nb-4, w-1) 16
Total (All out in 93.5 overs) 200

Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-83, 3-83, 4-112, 5-113, 6-117, 7-148, 8-174, 9-199.

Bowler: O M R W
Pollock 26 9 41 2
Ngam 19 8 34 2
Kallis 15.5 4 26 2
Ntini 18 9 29 3
Klusener 12 2 43 1
Boje 3 0 16 0

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (Overnight 18-1)
Dippenaar not out 5
Kirsten c Richardson b Martin 10
Boje not out 0
Extras (lb-3) 3
Total (For one wkt in 5.4 overs) 18

Bowler: O M R W
O'Connor 3 1 10 0
Martin 2.4 0 5 1

To bat: J. Kallis, D. Cullinan, N. McKenzie, L. Klusener, M. Boucher, S. Pollock, M. Ntini, M. Ngam.

Umpires: D. Orchard (Rsa), G. Sharp (Eng).

TV umpire: R. Koertzen (Rsa).
Match referee: Naushad Ali (Pak).

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Boris rules out divorce

BERLIN, Dec 10: Boris Becker, who said he still loves his estranged wife Barbara and does not rule out a reconciliation, reports Reuters.

"Of course I still love her," the three-times Wimbledon champion told Sunday's Bild am Sonntag newspaper. "What happens in a year, neither of us can say. We have to live each day as it comes. But at the moment we are separated."

Becker, 33, has blamed the pressures of being rich and famous on the surprise breakup announced last week of his seven-year marriage.

He has insisted there are no plans for a divorce and his wife, 33-year-old daughter of a former US army medical corp official and herself an aspiring actress and singer, has been photographed staying at Becker's Florida home.

The couple have two children.

The split made front-page news and has provided fodder for anguished newspaper editors in Germany, where the two were one of the country's few glamorous showbiz couples.

Both Becker and his wife, who is black, were widely admired for choosing to live in Germany, where mixed-race marriages are rare, despite receiving repeated violent racist threats.

The millionaire former tennis star, who has pursued a successful career in sports marketing since retiring, said he would continue to live in Munich.

Where my wife lives with the children, only she can decide. I have several houses and apartments. My wife can choose where she wants to live," he said.

McEnroe moves into final

LONDON, Dec 10: American John McEnroe, four times US Open singles champion and three-times the undisputed master of Wimbledon's grass courts, advanced to his fourth consecutive Honda Challenge Seniors final after defeating Frenchman Henri Leconte 6-2, 7-5 in the first of Saturday's semi-finals at the Royal Albert Hall, reports AFP.

McEnroe, who has been steadily improving with each match, raced from the starting blocks into a 4-0 lead.

"The key was I came out smoking, he didn't look quite ready to go and four love is a pretty big deficit to overcome," said McEnroe.

"That was pretty much the first set and then I knew he would make a run, he always does but he also goes up and down."

In a second set which went with a serve, Leconte threatened to break on four occasions but each was met with a well-disguised ace.

Spaniards take lead



BARCELONA, Dec 10: Alex Corretja and Juan Balcells moved Spain to the brink of their maiden Davis Cup success here on Saturday by beating Australian pair Mark Woodforde and Sandon Stolle in straight sets to give their team a 2-1 lead in the final, reports AFP.

Corretja had won Olympic bronze alongside Albert Costa in Sydney but here Balcells got the nod as he had throughout the competition and he played his heart out as the host pairing ousted Woodforde and Stolle in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in 2hr 20min.

The result means defending champions Australia now have to win both reverse singles on Saturday.

Corretja said the tie's outcome was still nowhere near decided. "It's still in the balance - it'll be a long day tomorrow."

Balcells, the hero of the hour, was a little less restrained.

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