

Wins satisfy Shaun

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South Africa captain Shaun Pollock was all smiles after his team secured their second victory in two days, beating West Indies by eight wickets in the fourth one-day international to take a 3-1 lead in the series.

South Africa dismissed their hosts for 200 before reaching their target with 23 balls to spare. Gary Kirsten top-scoring with 72 and Boeta Dippenaar making an unbeaten 62 in his first international innings in over two months on tour.

"We discussed the importance of the weekend," Pollock said. "Two wins back-to-back can have a big impact on the series. We're really proud of ourselves and the way we've played to have won both and the two wins stand us in good stead."

South Africa won the two games emphatically and in contrasting styles, amassing an imposing total on Saturday and then chasing comfortably on Sunday.

"It's good to have won batting first and then fielding first. Obviously the toss is only there to start the game and it's good to know that we can win under all circumstances."

"It's also important for us as a team to see Boeta (Dippenaar) come in and bat at three and get some runs. We need to have as much depth as we can and the guys have got to keep realising that they're all good enough and when they get the opportunity they must take it," Pollock said.

The South African captain backed his decision to bowl first with a superb bowling performance, taking 1-16 from his ten overs.

"Having won the toss and elected to bowl I think the fourth or fifth ball went through the top so I thought 'Oh dear, we've made the wrong decision here'. But there was only the one patch which tended to explode and it wasn't really on a length which bothered our right-handers," he said.

Man-of-the-match Allan Donald finished with 4-38 from his ten overs, despite seeing his first three balls clattered to the boundary by Brian Lara. His first over cost 14 fours.

"I could understand the first delivery going for four because it was a rank long-hop, the second one made me sit up and take notice and the third one forced me to wonder whether I was going to finish the over, it was that bad," Donald said with a smile.

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Cricket

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West Indies suffered their third successive crushing defeat when South Africa won the fourth one-day international by eight wickets at Queen's Park Sunday.

Fast bowler Allan Donald took four for 38 as West Indies were restricted to 200 all out after being sent in.

Opening batsman Gary Kirsten and stand-in number three Boeta Dippenaar made half-centuries as South Africa cruised to victory with 23 balls to spare.

South Africa went 3-1 ahead in the seven-match series. They won the first leg of a double-header by 132 runs at the same venue Saturday after an eight-wicket win in St John's, Antigua, Wednesday.

West Indian captain Carl Hooper was 17 minutes late for the toss to the annoyance of the South Africans.

Although he made 46 and bowled steadily to take one for 29 he found himself with few options in the field.

He looked downcast after the match, but said: "We can still win the series. We have to be optimistic."

Hooper added that the batting had been poor. "We were 50 runs short again," he said.

Marlon Samuels made a fighting 65 as the West Indies batsmen struggled against a disciplined South African bowling and fielding performance.

The hopes of a capacity crowd of about 12,000 were ignited briefly when Donald's first three deliveries were hit for fours by star batsman Brian Lara.

Lara made only 25, however, before he became Donald's first victim, charging down the pitch and edging a simple catch to wicket-keeper Mark Boucher. At that stage West Indies were in deep trouble at 61 for four in the 21st over.

Hooper and Samuels put on 67 for the fifth wicket before Hooper was caught at deep midwicket off Donald.

Samuels took 26 balls to make his first ten runs but then hit some powerful drives, especially straight down the ground, as he went on to make his 65 off 71 balls with seven fours.

Saturday's man-of-the-match, South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis, did not play because of a hamstring injury and was replaced by Justin Kemp, who took three wickets, although he was expensive in conceding 54 runs.

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	189	O	M	R	W
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Pollock	8.5	0	54	3	
Donald	9.3	1	38	4	

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