

Lewis keeps his title

AFP, Las Vegas
Lennox Lewis captured the heavy-weight World Championship for the third time in his career Saturday...

Lewis harried Rahman with his jab through the first three rounds, making use of his reach advantage...



LENNOX LEWIS

the fourth with a right to Rahman's ear.

At 1:29 of the fourth he sent Rahman sprawling with a left followed by a right cross to the chin...

He crawled to his knees, then fell back to the canvas.

"I told you he was just a freshman in the game," said Lewis, who has repeatedly called Rahman's stunning one-punch knockout lucky.

Waugh pizza

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These sporting stars lend their names to dishes including David's bakery and Tendulkar Chi Avad...

"Initially I used to earn 2,000 rupees (42 dollars) every day but now within nine months of launch it has jumped to 8,000 rupees," Gupta said...

At San Pedro, musicians wearing Mexican hats sing Mexican songs while Mexican chillies hang from the walls.

"In theme restaurant business, just being different will not sell by itself. You cannot fool anyone with a theme restaurant," said San Pedro's 31-year-old proprietor Pravin Ramchandran...

"Pricing is very important in this theme restaurant business. For one person an average meal with beverages will cost 500 rupees," Ramchandran said...

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Kambli plays England



AFP, Bombay

Test reject Vinod Kambli smashed 110 off 111 balls on Sunday to give England's bowlers a taste of the perils that lie ahead on the Indian tour.

Opener Wasim Jaffer chipped in with 99 and Sairaj Bahutule hit an unbeaten 52 as Mumbai (Bombay) plundered 373-5 from 90 overs on the first day of the two-day tour opener at the Wankhede Stadium here.

The batsmen-friendly wicket offered no assistance to England's inexperienced seam and spin attack, which toiled in vain under stifling heat and humidity.

Yorkshire's uncapped off-spinner Richard Dawson was the most successful bowler for the tourists with two wickets, but at a cost of 82 runs from 24 overs.

There was little joy, or wickets, for the seamers as Matthew Hoggard went for 54 runs from 14 overs and James Ormond for 75 from 15.

England captain Nasser Hussain's smile at winning the toss and sending the rivals to bat on a greenish wicket faded quickly as Mumbai raced to 123-1 by lunch and moved to 264-2 at tea.

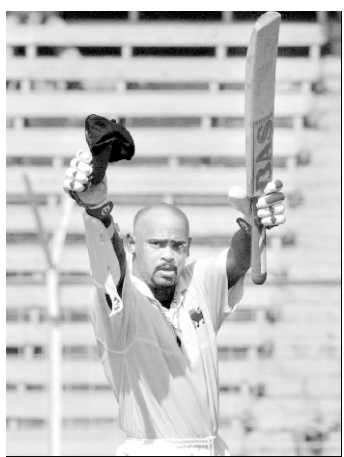
Three wickets in the final session brought some relief to the tourists, who must have thanked their luck that batting superstar Sachin Tendulkar was not there to assist Mumbai.

Tendulkar, on Test duty in South

Africa, would have been delighted to watch his school-mate Kambli tear the attack to pieces.

The bald-pated left-hander, who spends more time these days shooting for a Bollywood film, was not even expected to take the field due to illness.

But Kambli turned up before the toss and proceeded to hammer 19 boundaries in an exhilarating display that reminded old-timers of his 224 against England here during the



KAMBLI...110

1993 Test series.

Kambli came to the wicket after Test hopefuls Jaffer and Vinayak Mane had pounded the new ball attack in a first-wicket stand of 100.

England's lone success of the morning session was when Thorpe ran out Mane for 33, but Kambli and Jaffer settled in to add 126 for the second wicket.

Jaffer, who played two Tests

against South Africa two seasons ago, fell one run short of his century when he offered a tame catch to mid-wicket off seamer Craig White.

Bahutule and newcomer Bhavin Thakkar (46), however, ensured the hosts ended with a total big enough to dent the confidence of the tourists.

SCOREBOARD
First day's scoreboard of the two-day match between England and Bombay at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday:

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like Hoggard, Ormond, White, Dawson, Vaughan, Butcher, R'kash with their respective figures.

ENGLAND: Nasser Hussain, Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Mark Butcher, Graham Thorpe, Mark Ramprakash, Richard Dawson, Craig White, James Foster, Matthew Hoggard, James Ormond.

Humane Anwar

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan opener Saeed Anwar has launched a cricketers' fund for Afghan war victims and said Saturday all the national team was helping.

"We will go door to door to collect funds for Afghan people and give it to the president's fund on Afghanistan," Anwar, who has become a devout Muslim, told AFP.

The campaign was launched in Lahore on Saturday where Pakistan captain Waqar Younis and ace fast bowler Wasim Akram were also present.

"We realise the pain Afghans are going through and want to contribute from our side," Saeed said. "This is nothing to do with politics, we are just cricketers and our sentiments are to help our Muslim brothers in Afghanistan," added Younis.

The team will go to different Pakistani cities and approach industrialists and other wealthy people for funds, he said.

Learning from the Aussies

REUTERS, Bombay

Nasser Hussain and his inexperienced England team will study Australia's performances in India in a bid to go one better than the world champions against Saurav Ganguly's side.

Australia lost a close-fought series 2-1 as they fell victim to off-spinner Harbhajan Singh earlier this year. Hussain said that he hoped his side could field as well as Steve Waugh's men while learning from their batting mistakes.

"It will be crucial to get the cricketing things right," Hussain told reporters on the eve of the touring team's opening two-day match against a Bombay President's XI.

"It'll mean taking every catch, fielding like the Australians. But the most important thing out of all that is to get runs in the first innings."

Australia won the first Test of their three-match series before tumbling to defeat, with Singh capturing 32 wickets in the series.

Invincible Hewitt



AFP, Sydney

The honours keep coming in a rush for new world number one Lleyton Hewitt with a dominating victory over Frenchman Sebastien Grosjean in the Tennis Masters Cup final here Sunday.

The remarkable 20-year-old Australian, the youngest ever to

France in the Davis Cup final in Melbourne.

Hewitt, in only his third full-year on the Tour, added the Masters Cup trophy to his US Open title and world No. 1 crown in a phenomenal 2001 season.

He pocketed 1.52 million US dollars for his week's work as the unbeaten winner of the year-end tournament, which brought together the world's top-eight ranked players.

"I thought the big thing in today's

"We both play similar games, but I served extremely well today as well which helped me."

Going into the final it was thought Hewitt might struggle to get past the in-form Grosjean in the best-of-five set decider because of a strained hamstring, but he said it felt much better on Sunday.

"I don't know why it's feeling so much better today than yesterday, (but) it's a good sign for the Davis Cup," he said.

The tennis world is still coming to terms with the accelerated rise of the diminutive Hewitt, who ends the year unchallenged as the game's best player and assured on the number one seeding in his home grand slam in Melbourne in mid-January.

"Over the past 12 months I've played some great matches, there's no doubt about that, the (Andre) Agassi match the other night I felt like I played pretty well, (Juan Carlos) Ferrero and Grosjean were pretty good matches."

"But the way I've handled everything I still think the Davis Cup match against Guga (Gustavo Kuerten) in Brazil (last April) probably my best match."

Hewitt is stuck for an answer as to why he has come to dominate men's tennis since his breakthrough grand slam triumph in New York last September.

"I felt that I wasn't too far away from breaking through in a big tournament, whether it was the Masters here or a grand slam I wasn't sure, but obviously the US Open gave me a lot of confidence going into the Davis Cup semi-final against Sweden."

But Hewitt refused to take the Davis Cup high-ground against France after his two victories this week over the French No. 1.

"I feel good in the way I'm playing and handling everything at the moment but the Davis Cup final is a totally different situation, and it's on a totally different surface (grass)," Hewitt said.

"Grosjean is going to be taking a lot of confidence from this week into the Davis Cup final as well."



PHOTO: AFP

Australian Lleyton Hewitt poses with the winner's trophy after beating Sebastien Grosjean of France at the Masters Cup final in Sydney yesterday.

finish the year with the top ranking, hammered the French No. 1, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in just under two hours.

It gives him a psychological advantage less than a fortnight before leading his country against

France, whose backhand was going to break down more, but I felt my backhand held up reasonably well both yesterday and today," said Hewitt.

Tuffey stakes his claim



AFP, Adelaide

New Zealand paceman Daryl Tuffey enhanced his claims for a Test berth with a defiant batting performance in the four-day cricket match against South Australia at Adelaide Oval Sunday.

The tail-ender smacked 56 from 75 balls to steer the New Zealanders to a first innings total of 314, passing South Australia's 297 for 9 declared.

At stumps on Day Three, South Australia led by 113 runs at 130 for four in their second innings.

Captain Darren Lehmann and his deputy Greg Blewett built a 101-run partnership after the loss of two early wickets.

Blewett (61) was dismissed late in the final session when he was caught by Chris Martin at mid-on off the bowling of spinner Daniel Vettori.

Vettori struck again with the last ball of the day when he had Lehmann caught and bowled for 51.

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Tuffey is competing with fellow quicks Martin and Shane Bond for a spot in the second Test against Australia starting in Hobart on Thursday.

Coming in at number nine, Tuffey added to his three wickets in South Australia's first innings with a robust knock that included six fours and two sixes.

Another New Zealander to perform well with the bat was Lou Vincent, who returned to his old stomping ground to top score with 74 before he was bowled by Mark Hartry shortly after lunch.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at close of play on the third day of the four-day tour match between New Zealand and South Australia at the Adelaide Oval Sunday:

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like Hartry, Rofe, Smith, Young, McIntyre, Lehmann with their respective figures.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Second innings
D Fitzgerald b Bond 0
S Deitz b Bond 8
G Blewett c Martin b Vettori 61
D Lehmann c and b Vettori 51
B Higgins not out 6
Extras: (lb-2, nb-2) 4
Total: (For 4 wickets in 36 overs) 130
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-21, 3-122, 4-130

To bat: M Smith, G Manou, B Young, P McIntyre, P Rofe, M Hartry

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like Bond, Martin, Tuffey, Vettori, Sulzberger with their respective figures.

Dilley not worried



REUTERS, Bombay

England assistant coach Graham Dilley was unconcerned after watching his bowlers struggle on the opening day of their Indian Test tour.

A Bombay Cricket Board President's XI amassed 373 for five wickets in the two-day tour game, but the former England fast bowler was not reading too much into the performance.

"You got to be very careful you get your preparation right, you don't overbow the guys that are going to be playing in the first Test," Dilley told reporters.

Not one member of Nasser Hussain's squad has played a Test in India, and England have two more

three-day games to prepare before the first Test starts in Mohali on December 3.



GRAHAM DILLEY

"We are just trying to get better and better and more acclimatised to our cricket in these conditions and get ready for the first Test," Dilley said. "There is no point anybody peaking too early."

Inexperienced opening pair Matthew Hoggard and James Ormond went wicketless as the local side, led by former Test player Vinod Kambli's run-a-ball 110, dominated the day.

Dilley praised Richard Dawson after the uncapped Yorkshire off-spinner acquitted himself well against batsmen adept at playing slow bowling.

The 21-year-old took two for 81, sending down 24 overs on a hot and humid day at the Wankhede Stadium.

"He was very, very good. He looks to me as if all things being equal, there is a future," Dilley said.

"He seems to me as if he knows what he wants to do and how he wants to do it. How he is going to go about doing it is the key to being successful."

Dawson and Martyn Ball, another uncapped off-break bowler, are expected to vie for a Test place alongside left-amer Ashley Giles on the spinner-friendly Indian pitches.

Div I Chess

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ways after his stunning loss in the second round.

Zia apart, Abdullah-Al-Rakib, Enamul Hossain Rajib and Rezaul also won their respective boards.

Kamalapur handed Dhaka University Chess Club a 3-1 defeat. In other results, Bangladesh Ansars routed Leonine Chess Club 4-0, Narayanganj District Chess Players Association trounced Bangsal Progoti Samaj Kalyan Sangstha 3-1 and Dhaka Daba Ghar defeated Anu Memorial Club 2.5-1.5.

The were only two drawn encounters between Sonali Bank Sports and Recreation Club and Nakhapara Jubo Kalyan Sangha and Anirban chess School against Farashganj Sporting Club.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 23 mins and a list of words to be found.

Cryptquip puzzle grid with a 10x10 grid of letters and numbers. Includes the text 'CRYPTOQUIP' and a clue: 'Today's Cryptquip Clue: S equals R'.

The Cryptquip 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.