

Japan Open Lee's

AFP, Tokyo

Lee Hyun-Il became the first Korean to win the Japan Open badminton tournament Sunday by beating world number one Xia Xuanze of China in the men's singles final for the biggest title of his career.

The eighth-ranked South Korean, the runner-up last year here, unleashed an array of lightning smashes in the final game to go up to 3-0 on his way to a stunning 5-7, 7-5, 0-7, 7-5, 7-2 victory over the Asian champion.

"I knew that no Korean player has ever won the singles here. I'm really happy that I became the first Korean to win it, and I'm really happy to win such a big tournament," Lee said after the 59-minute final.

Lee made a couple of easy errors to be whitewashed the third game, and then soon found himself going down 1-4 and 2-5 in the fourth game from where he staged a remarkable comeback.

"Xia is a tough opponent, he is speedy. He has more speed than I have. Although he seemed to have the momentum, I just tried not to make a mistake and tried to send the shuttle to the back court to make him run," said Lee.

"In the fourth game, he seemed to be tired, so it worked pretty well. That's why I started to attack early in the fifth game to take a lead."

"I've been playing so bad in the Swiss Open and All England and I was in a very bad mood coming into this tournament. But I started to feel better and better as it went on. I hope I can keep the momentum for the next event.

"By playing tournaments, we are preparing for the Asian Games in Pusan. I've already been named for the Games. And my biggest goal is the Athens Olympics. I'm going to do my best to qualify for the Olympics. Hopefully I can win the gold medal," said Lee.

It was only his second title in the Grand Prix series, following his victory at the US Open in September last year.

It was also his first win over Xia after losing their previous three matches, including a first-round loss two years ago here.

Lee, who will turn 22 in 14 days, received an early birthday gift of the 14,400-dollar first prize.

The women's singles title and 12,420 dollars went to defending champion Zhou Mi, who trounced Dai Yun 7-1, 7-0, 7-1 in an all-Chinese final in only 23 minutes.

Record alert for WC rivals



REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

Australian captain Ricky Ponting admitted his side had 'thrown caution to the wind' at the start of their world record run chase to win the sixth one-day international against South Africa.

Australia reached 330-7 to win by three wickets, overhauling South Africa's 326 for three - their highest score against Australia - with five balls to spare.

The previous record for a successful run chase by a side batting second was 316, achieved by India against Pakistan in Dhaka in 1997-98 and Australia themselves against Pakistan in Lahore in 1998-99.

"We threw caution to the wind, took the challenge head on and got over the line," Ponting said afterwards. "I'd be lying if I said we were confident of winning."

"We had nothing to lose so we just went out there, backed ourselves and played our shots."

"We had a bit of luck along the way which we were always going to need to chase that many. But the way we approached it was outstanding."

He added: "It's probably the best game or chase I've ever been involved in. We had a similar one in Pakistan where we chased 316 and again we got off to a flying start and reeled them in."

"Today was a bit the same - to reach our 50 in the fifth over was an amazing start and the middle order guys just kept it at about six an over

and didn't have to take too many risks to do it."

Despite the remarkable victory, the Australian captain stressed there was still plenty of room for improvement for his side.

"We've done plenty wrong, don't worry about that. For a side to score 326 against our attack we must



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have done a lot of things wrong. They scored 100 off the last 10 overs which was disappointing again. Today we were good enough to get ourselves out of trouble and that was pleasing."

With one match to play Australia are 5-0 up.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the sixth one-day international between South Africa and Australia at St George's Park here on Saturday:

SOUTH AFRICA				
Gibbs c and b Harvey	37			
Smith c Lehmann b Warne	84			
Boje b Lehmann	47			
Kallis not out	80			
Rhodes not out	71			

Extras: (lb-5, w-2) 7

Total: (3 wkts, 50 overs) 326

Falls of wickets: 1-74, 2-157, 3-195

BOWLING	O	M	R	W
McGrath	10	2	52	0
Gillespie	9	0	60	0
Harvey	9	0	64	1
Warne	7	0	58	1
Watson	9	0	47	0
Lehmann	6	0	40	1

Did not bat: N McKenzie, J Kent, M Boucher, S Pollock, M Ntini, R Telemachus

AUSTRALIA				
Gilchrist c Ntini b Telemachus	52			
Hayden c Pollock b Kallis	35			
Harvey c Boucher b Telemachus	4			
Ponting c Pollock b Kallis	92			
Lehmann st Boucher b Smith	91			
Martyn c Rhodes b Ntini	15			
Bevan not out	3			
Watson run out (Boje)	11			
Warne not out	4			
Extras: (b-2, lb-7, nb-8, w-6)	23			
Total: (7 wkts, 49.1 overs)	330			
Falls of wickets: 1-81, 2-93, 3-104, 4-287, 5-312, 6-312, 7-326				

BOWLING	O	M	R	W
Pollock	8	0	57	0
Ntini	9.1	0	83	1
Telemachus	10	0	48	2
Kallis	10	0	59	2
Boje	6	0	34	0
Kent	2	0	16	0
Smith	4	0	24	1

Result: Australia won by 3 wickets

Man-of-match: Adam Gilchrist

Series: Australia lead 5-0

Umpires: Ian Howell, Shahid Wadvala (SA).

Tv umpire: Karl Hurter (SA).

Match referee: Cammie Smith (West Indies).

Remaining match: Cape Town, April 9

India outplay New Zealand

AFP, Wellington

India's Leander Paes dashed New Zealand's Davis Cup tennis hopes for another year with an enthralling victory over Mark Nielsen on Sunday.

The classy Paes, who carried his country's flag at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, beat Nielsen 6-4 6-3 4-6 2-6 6-1 to give India an unassailable 3-1 lead in the Asia Oceania tie on the third and final day of play.

India completed a 4-1 win when Harsh Mankad beat James Shortall 7-5 6-3 in the second match of the reverse singles.

Earlier Sunday, Paes combined with Mahesh Bhupathi to win a rain-disrupted doubles win over Shortall and Daniel Willman that had been carried over from Saturday.

The Indian pairing had a 6-4 6-3 lead overnight and took just 39 minutes to win the third set 6-4.

Paes was back on court against Nielsen, New Zealand's No 1, within an hour and came out firing to take the first two sets and open up a 3-0 lead in the third.

Nielsen broke Paes' service to get back to 2-3 before rain again sent the players to the dressing room.

Brothers mean

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Bowler	O	M	R	W
Murad	8	1	26	0
Uzzal	8	1	25	1
Sohel Rana	10	2	53	1
Saifullah	10	0	45	3
Majid	10	0	45	2
Mostakim	4	0	20	0

YOUNG PEGASUS

Humayun b Tariq	17
Sohagh c Hasibul b Debabroto	4
Uzzal b Tahmim	38
Rozel run out	1
Bidyut c Hasibul b Tariq	3
Majid not out	38
Mostakim c Hasibul b Tahmim	1
Tariqul c Shahriar b Monirul	12
Rana b Tahmim	4
Saifullah run out	3
Murad c Kamrul b Tahmim	1
Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-8)	14
Total: (All out in 39.4 overs)	136

Fall of wkts: 1-9, 2-49, 3-50, 4-68, 5-70, 6-72, 7-90, 8-104, 9-112

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tariqul	4	0	20	0
Debabroto	5	0	29	1
Tariq	6	2	7	2
Tahmim	8.4	3	22	4
Monirul	8	0	23	1
Shahriar	8	0	31	0

Result: Dhanmondi Club won by 80 runs.

Cash-boost for ACC



AFP, Islamabad

Cricket in Asia received a welcome boost Saturday with the announcement that the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) is to receive a multi-million dollar injection from its international parent body.

"The ACC will receive 19.5 million dollars in two instalments," ACC secretary Zakir Hussain Syed told a press briefing.

The money comes at a time when the region's game is suffering due to a heightened political rift between India and Pakistan.

At least three million dollars of the International Cricket Council (ICC) cash will go towards establishing cricketing academies across the region.

"A central academy will be established in Nepal along with regional

academies in Malaysia and United Arab Emirates," Syed said

"The central academy will be state-of-art with professional staffing for future needs."

"The ACC believes that the UAE, Nepal, Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong are fast track countries and has a view to prepare them for one-day international status in the near future."

The Asian block of the ICC, comprising Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, last October threatened a split with the parent body, protesting its voice was not being heard.

India had clashed with the ICC over the Mike Denness affair which was finally settled at an ICC meeting last month in Cape Town, South Africa.

Denness, an ICC match referee, had penalised six Indian players in a Test in South Africa prompting India to challenge his decisions.

M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Nil Kamal Krira Chakra defeated Station Quarters AC by 36 runs in the Basundhara LP Gas First Division Cricket League at the Local Circuit House ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Nil Kamol batted first and scored 171 runs for nine wickets in 40 overs.

In reply, Station Quarters were all out for 135 runs in 30.8 overs.

BRIEF SCORES

NIL KAMOL KRIRA CHAKRA: 171/9.

Saany 45, Rajib 27, Alamgir 15, extras 33; Jony 2/16, Rajib 2/25, Hanan 2/27, Kabir 2/32.

STATION QUARTERS AC: 135/10.

Rajib 50, Hannan 11, Extras 34; Raihan 4/28, Alok 3/14.

India bowlers dominate

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too many against a tight Guyanese

attack.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of a three-day tour match between India and Guyana Board President's XI at the Everest ground here on Saturday:

GUAYANA BP XI: First innings 118 (H Pooran 41, H Singh 4-37)

Kumble c Dowlin b Harinarine	7
Harbhajan c Dasrath b Harinarine	1
Srinath lbw b Basil	0
Zaheer c Deonarine b Dasrath	11
Extras: (lb-8, nb-2, w-2)	12
Total:	248

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-42, 3-94, 4-102, 5-104, 6-186, 7-203, 8-205, 9-205

BOWLING	O	M	R	W
Griffith	20	7	46	2



SRINATH... 2 for 12



KUMBLE... 2 for 5

INDIA: First innings (overnight 73-2)

Das c Nagamootoo b Dasrath	20
Dasgupta run out	6
Ganguly c Arjune b Dasrath	52
Tendulkar c Pooran b Griffith	18
David b Griffith	43
Laxman c Pooran b Harinarine	2
Bangar not out	76

Thomas	17	5	50	0
Dasrath	21	6	49	3
Basil	18	6	41	1
Harinarine	23	6	54	3

GUAYANA BP XI: Second innings

Gonsalves lbw b Srinath	18
Arjune c and b Harbhajan	13
Deonarine b Srinath	0
Dowlin b Kumble	15

TV GUIDE

ATN BANGLA

Morning

05-30 Islamic Prog"Directed by Arkan Ullah Haruni.

07-00 New Singer Competition Prog. "Nabin Borron"

08-00 ATN Bangla News

08-25 Mage Serial "Mohine"

09-00 Musical Prog: "Ganer Mela"

09-35 Paper Show "The World of Jonathon Sing"

10-10 Drama Serial "Jeebon Jekhane Shes"

10-50 Indian Film Songs Prog "Bollywood Topten"

11-20 Bengali feature film "Asadaron"

12-00 ATN Bangla News Evening

06-07 Competition Prog: "Sapla Saluk ATN Gold Medal Protiugita"

07-00 ATN Bangla Evening News

07-35 Mage Serial "Mohine"

08-10 Reporting Prog: "Ghotonar Nepathee"

08-45 Musical Prog: Mage Serial "Kun Semanay Mukte"

10-00 ATN Bangla News

10-35 Drama Serial "Todontho Cholse"

11-15 Bengali feature film "Biswash Abiswash"

11-30 ATN Bangla News

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08:00 (V) Back To Back

08:30 (V) Jump Start

09:30 (V) Hit Machine

10:00 (V) Back To Back

10:30 (V) Hit Machine

11:00 (V) Back To Back

11:30 (V) Hit Machine

12:00 Zabardast Hits

12:30 (V) Jungle Jukebox

01:00 (V) FDFS Spl

01:30 Music Feature (V) Hit Machine

02:00 Zabardast Hits

02:30 (V) Back To Back

03:00 Zabardast Hits

03:30 (V) Back To Back

04:00 (V) Hit Machine

04:30 (V) Hotline

05:30 Very (V)

06:30 Ctrl (V)

07:00 (V) Back To Back

07:30 (V) Hit Machine

08:00 Zabardast Hits

08:30 (V) Back To Back

09:00 Zabardast Hits

09:30 (V) Jungle Jukebox

10:00 (V) FDFS Spl

Music Feature

10:30 (V) Hit Machine

11:00 Late Night (V)

11:30 (V) Rewind

12:00 (V) Back To Back

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

06:30 Return Of The Unicorn

07:30 National Geographic Specials

08:30 Nat Geo Genius

09:00 Human Edge

09:30 Out There

10:00 Next Wave

10:30 Journey Of Life

11:30 National Geographic Classics

12:30 Endangered

01:00 Human Edge

01:30 On The Edge

02:30 Wild

03:30 Nat Geo Max

04:30 Scientific American Frontiers

05:30 People And Places History and Culture

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BBC WORLD

6:00am BBC News

6:30 Asia Today/Reporters

7:00 BBC New

7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report

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9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report

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10:30 World Business Report

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11:30 World Business Report

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1:30 Euro Brief

2:00 BBC News

2:30 Hardtalk

3:00 BBC News

3:30 Correspondent

4:00 BBC News

4:30 Asia Business Report/World

5:00 BBC News

5:30 Hardtalk

HBO

6:30 The People Under

8:30 the Stairs

9:00 Allan Quatermain and the Lost City of Gold

10:30 K-9

12:30pmProblem Child

2:15 An Officer and a Gentleman

4:45 Meet Joe Black

8:15 3 Ninjas Knuckle Up

10:00 The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle

12:00 Twins

2:15 Allan Quatermain and the Lost City of Gold

4:15 Biloxi Blues

7:00am Mere Mehboob (Rajendra Kumar, Sadhana)

10:30 Kuch Yaddain Kuch Baatein

11:00 Geet Bahar

11:30 Do Dulhe (Shyama, Sajjan)

3:00pm Geet Bahar

3:30 Ek Musafir Ek sadhana)

7:00 Geet Bahar

7:30 Rang Birangi

Bac Bahchan, Mala Sinha)

11:00 Bollywood News

11:30 Sher Khan (Dharmendra)

STAR PLUS

7:30 Hum Saath Aath

Hain

8:00 Aatma

9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet

9:30 Fox Kids Daily

10:00 Small Wonder

10:30 Hasna Mat

11:00 Meri Saheli

12:00pmShanti

12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet

1:00 Kora Kagaz

1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki

2:00 Bhabhi

2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

3:00 Shagun

3:30 Kasautii Zindagi Kay

4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli

4:30 Kaathin Kissii Roz

5:00 Meri Saheli

5:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet

6:00 Small Wonder

6:30 Fox Kids Daily

7:10 Aaj Ki Baat

7:30 Bhabhi

8:00 Hum Saath Aath

Hain

8:30 Krishna Sharma

9:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay

9:30 Des Mein Niklla Hoga Chand

10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

11:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz

12:05 Aaj Ki Baat

STAR WORLD

7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

8:00 MacGyver

9:00 Nash Bridges

10:00 Bugs

11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

12:00pmWorld Wildest Police Videos

1:00 Caroline In The City

1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful

2:00 Hollywood Squares

2:30 Happy Days

3:00 Baywatch

4:00 The Simpsons

4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun

5:00 Star News Asia

5:30 Friends

6:00 King of Queens

6:30 Everybody Love Raymond

6:55 Asianews Update

7:00 Dharma & Greg

7:30 Frasier

8:00 Boston Public

9:00 Friends

9:30 King of Queens

10:00 Dharma & Greg

10:30 Everybody Love Raymond

11:00 Frasier

11:30 Boston Public

STAR MOVIES

6:30 Killer Next Door

8:30 Red Dawn

10:30 Richie Richs Christmas Wish

12:00 Fly 2

1:45 Sister Act 2

3:30 Trial By Jury

5:15 Simian Line

7:00 Addams Family Reunion

8:30 X-Men, The

10:30 Red Dawn

12:30 Fish Called Wanda, A

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6:30 Movie: Deadly Crossing

8:30 Max Steel

9:30 Farscape

10:30 Xena

11:30 Now and Again

12:30 World's Most Amazing Videos

1:30 Farscape

2:30 Movie: Deadly Crossing

4:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents

5:30 World's Most Amazing Videos

6:30 Max Steel

7:30 Now and Again

8:30 Prime Zone

9:30 X Zone Who Dares Wins

10:30 The Amazing Race

11:30 The Hunger

12:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents

HALL MARK

6:00 A Season of Hope

8:00 Freefall: Flight

10:00 Greenstone

11:00 Face to Face

1:00 Sliders

2:00 Sesame Street

3:00 Scholastic Clifford

3:30 Caillou

4:00 Greenstone

5:00 Star Trek: Voyager

6:00 Sliders

7:00 Taking Liberty

9:00 Star Trek: Voyager

10:00 Secrets

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal

6:30 Bhakti Bhav

7:00 Yoga For Life

7:30 Jagran

7:50 Zee Gym & Eat

Healthy

8:20 News

8:30 Ardhangini

8:45 Yaadein Radio

Ceylon Ki

9:00 Nick on Zee

9:30 Nickelodeon on Zee

10:30 Hum Paanch

11:00 Hudd Kar Di

12:00 Saanjhi

12:30 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan

1:00 Aan

1:30 Koi Apna Sa

2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan

Gharana

3:00 Do Anjaane

6:30 Nick On Zee

7:00 Nickeldeon

8:00 Aan

8:30 Yeh Hai Mumbai Meri Jaan

9:00 Koshish... Ek Aashaa

9:30 Baazi Kiski

10:00 Koi Apna Sa

10:30 Choti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan

11:00 Tu Kahe Agar

11:30 Tejaswini

12:00 Gharana

ALPHA TV BANGLA

6:30 Chhotto Chhutir Phanke

7:00 Shudhu Tomake Chai

7:30 Surer Ei Jharnadhara

8:00 Amra Probsai

8:30 Gaan Unltd.

9:05 Bharat Bhraman

9:30 Mojar Khela Kobitae

10:00 Bishesh Sangbad

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