

Quality, not pace on Shoaib's mind

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar is hoping to establish himself as a bowler of genuine quality, rather than one of simply raw pace.

"I am no longer just concentrating on speed. I am also thinking about line and length and sticking to a more consistent line. You can't be a quality bowler without that," he said after taking six wickets in Pakistan's crushing 153-run win over New Zealand in the first one-day international.

"I am really enjoying my cricket now. There is no pressure on me about my bowling action being suspect any longer. I have got a lot of support from the Pakistan board and my teammates and that is enough for me," he added on Sunday.

"When you enjoy your cricket then you tend to bowl well and in rhythm."

Shoaib completed figures of six for 16 to reach 100 wickets in one-day internationals quicker than any player in history except his captain Waqar Younis."

Waqar believes Shoaib is now a more mature bowler.

"He is not only fast, he is also bowling a consistent good line and length and trying to out-think the batsmen, which is a good sign," Waqar said.

Stand-in New Zealand captain Craig McMillan was disappointed with his team's display in the first of three matches in the series.

"We never really recovered from the loss of those three quick wickets after a good opening stand. We were always under pressure after that," he said. "I would describe this as a below-par performance.

"But I would not say that Shoaib Akhtar has any psychological hold over us now. These things happen. He bowled well."

Bagan bags

FROM PAGE 13 already confirmed their places in the Super Six.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League match between Kalabagan Kirira Chakra and Brothers Union at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

KALABAGAN KC
Rahqul b Shamsul 9
Rajin b Athar 37
Anisur b Imran 37
Ziaur not out 104
Nasir c Towhid b Mustadir 3
Mushfiq run out 6
Manzarul not out 32
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-2, w-12) 18
Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs) 296
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-86, 3-189, 4-201, 5-206.

| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
|----------|----|---|----|---|
| Morshed | 10 | 0 | 66 | 0 |
| Shamsul | 8 | 0 | 53 | 1 |
| Athar | 10 | 1 | 28 | 1 |
| Mustadir | 10 | 0 | 65 | 1 |
| Imran | 10 | 0 | 60 | 1 |
| Aslam | 2 | 0 | 20 | 0 |

BROTHERS UNION

Harun c Anisur b Talha 9
Sajjadul lbw b Mushfiq 18
Athar c Ziaur b Talha 26
Mahbub c Mushfiq b Talha 15
Mustadir c Luvu b Manzarul 33
Moin c Luvlu b Mosaddek 31
Towhid run out 13
Aslam c Anisur b Manzarul 10
Shamsul lbw b Imran 0
Morshed not out 4
Imran run out 2
Extras(lb-2, w-8) 10
Total: (All out in 42.5 overs) 171
Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-31, 3-67, 4-72, 5-129, 6-144, 7-158, 8-162, 9-165.

| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
|----------|-----|---|----|---|
| Mushfiq | 8 | 0 | 40 | 1 |
| Talha | 10 | 2 | 40 | 3 |
| Imran | 6 | 1 | 22 | 1 |
| Mosaddek | 10 | 0 | 39 | 1 |
| Manzarul | 8.5 | 0 | 28 | 2 |

Result: Kalabagan KC won by 125 runs.



IT'S ANOTHER ONE: New Zealand's Andre Adams' stumps are sent in disarray by Shoaib Akhtar during the first one-day international against Pakistan in Karachi on Sunday.

It's Akhtar after Youhana



AFP, Karachi

Express paceman Shoaib Akhtar and batsman Yousuf Youhana combined to help Pakistan record a 153-run win over New Zealand in a stormy limited-overs international here Sunday.

Akhtar, known as the Rawalpindi Express, recorded career best figures of 6-16 as New Zealand were bowled out for 122 in 30 overs at the National Stadium.

The home victory was marred by crowd trouble during the Pakistan innings however, when New Zealand's players walked off the pitch after two of their fielders were hit by objects thrown from the crowd.

Youhana followed up his 129 against Sri Lanka in the final of the Sharjah Cup on Wednesday with 125 to provide the backbone of Pakistan's 275-6 from 50 overs.

Man-of-the-match Akhtar ripped through the New Zealand batting line-up never allowing them to settle in. Only four batsman -- Matthew Horne, Nathan Astle, Chris Harris and Daryl Tuffey -- made double figures.

Akhtar's previous best figures were 5-19 against the Black Caps in Auckland last year.

"I am delighted with my form and I am gearing up for more wickets in the next matches," Akhtar said afterwards.

New Zealand made it to 53 without loss by the tenth over but Pakistan captain Waqar Younis

forced open the floodgates when he removed Nathan Astle for 25.

Wasim Akram then trapped Lou Vincent for five and Horne was run out for 22, leaving New Zealand at 60-3. However Akhtar dealt the knockout punch with three quick wickets to leave the tourists floundering on the ropes at 77-6.

He dismissed Craig McMillan for eight -- caught by Saqlain Mushtaq -- for his 100th one-day wicket from 60 matches, and then clean bowled Jacob Oram for a duck. Debutant Robbie Hart was next to return to the pavilion without scoring, caught behind by Rashid Latif.

The paceman then picked up three more tail end wickets to seal New Zealand's fate.

The tourists weren't helped by losing their captain Stephen Fleming and all-rounder Scott Styris to a stomach upset before the game, while wicketkeeper batsman Chris Nevin, battling a hamstring injury, also had to watch from the pavilion.

Earlier the 27-year-old Youhana, regarded as Pakistan's most elegant batsman, hit 14 boundaries and a six off 155 balls to set the ball rolling for the home team.

Daryl Tuffey struck two early blows as early as in the third over when he removed belligerent opener Shahid Afridi for one and Imran Nazir for seven to leave Pakistan at 15-2.

Inzamamul Haq and Youhana took the score to 49 before Haq holed out at deep square leg off Ian Butler for 18, maintaining his run of poor scores.

Cheered by a packed house of 34,000, Youhana and Younis Khan

did the repair work and took Pakistan past 100 in the 25th over.

The 20-minute break in play because of crowd trouble came with Pakistan sitting comfortably at 178-4.

The second day-night match will be played at Rawalpindi on April 24 and the third in Lahore on April 27.

SCORECARD

Scorecard of the first day-night limited overs international between Pakistan and New Zealand at the Karachi National stadium on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: 275 for six in 50 overs (Y Youhana 125, Y Khan 69, A Razzaq 30; D Tuffey 2-24, I Butler 2-49, J Oram 2-51)

| NEW ZEALAND | |
|--|-----|
| Horne run out | 22 |
| Astle b Waqar | 25 |
| Vincent lbw b Akram | 5 |
| McMillan c Saqlain b Akhtar | 8 |
| Harris c Younis b Saqlain | 17 |
| Oram b Akhtar | 0 |
| Hart c Latif b Akhtar | 0 |
| Adams b Akhtar | 2 |
| Walker b Akhtar | 8 |
| Tuffey not out | 18 |
| Butler b Akhtar | 0 |
| Extras: (b-1, lb-8, w-3, nb-5) | 17 |
| Total: (All out in 30 overs) | 122 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-59, 3-60, 4-72, 5-74, 6-77, 7-92, 8-92, 9-105 | |

| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
|---------|---|---|----|---|
| Akram | 7 | 2 | 26 | 1 |
| Waqar | 6 | 0 | 32 | 1 |
| Razzaq | 4 | 1 | 17 | 0 |
| Akhtar | 9 | 1 | 16 | 6 |
| Saqlain | 4 | 0 | 22 | 1 |

Result: Pakistan won by 153 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Shoaib Akhtar.

Majoli shocks Schnyder



AFP, Charleston

Coatian Iva Majoli captured the eighth title of her career -- and first since the 1997 French Open -- with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over Swiss stand-out Patty Schnyder here Sunday.

"I don't think I can even explain how it feels," said Majoli, who hugged her brother, Drago, outside after the match. "It's been so long since I won a tournament."

The 58th-ranked Majoli ended a glorious week for Schnyder in Charleston, where the Swiss player shocked sixth-seeded Amelie Mauresmo of France in the second round, third-seeded Serena Williams in the quarterfinals and top-seeded Jennifer Capriati in the semifinals.

Despite failing to take the title, the 30th-ranked Schnyder's spirits

were not dampened by the loss.

"Of course, I'm a little disappointed," said Schnyder, whose ranking should move up to approximately 17 in the world. "I thought I could win the whole thing, but I live so many great moments during the week.

"It has been the best week of my life."

Majoli, whose ranking is projected to move up to around 29th in the world, also had success with seeded opponents during the week, upending 13th-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa in the quarter-finals and seventh-seeded Sandrine Testud of France in the semi-finals.

Taking the one hour, 49 minute match was a major achievement for Majoli, who has struggled to return to the form that once established her at a world ranking of number four.

The Croatian's progress on tour was stalled when shoulder surgery

in 1999 kept her off-court for close to 12 months and her comeback has been anything but easy.

"Of course, it's always worth it, but it's only been the last month or two when I've been able to work hard since my injuries," Majoli said.

Majoli, who is the lowest ranked player to win a WTA Tour Tier I level event, had lost her four prior meetings against Schnyder in straight sets.

Compared to the exciting tennis from earlier in the week, the final was an anticlimactic affair in which both players failed to perform at the standards they set in previous matches.

Part of that could be attributed to the intense humidity and heat, with an on-court thermos equals, rather than facing higher ranked players against whom they had nothing to lose.

"I mean, I couldn't expect it from me to play a match like I did a day before or two days ago," Schnyder said. "'I just tried to do my best, and I was fighting every point and trying to get some good shots.

"I think she played very smart and she kept fighting."

Eight of the first 11 games in the mostly baseline brawl were decided on service breaks as each player struggled through the error-riddled match trying to find their games.

Majoli, who turned out to be the more aggressive, committed 36 unforced errors to 28 for Schnyder.

The first set tiebreaker was an important victory for Majoli, who went ahead 5-1, and kept her composure as Schnyder worked her way back into it before losing her serve on the 12th point by smacking a forehand long.

"If I lost the tiebreaker, I think she would've won the match," Majoli said. "That's how it happens in a match like this where it is so hot.

"In the first set, I was really focused. In the second set, I stayed with her and waited for my chance. I tried to be aggressive as much as I could."

As for Schnyder, she felt a certain let down in her game.

"My energy level was not there, mentally, in the first set and that was the difference. My concentration was so good the other days. I tried to improve things but it didn't work."

Nat'l Youth Cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Bandarban, Gaibandha and Faridpur won their respective matches in the 21st National Youth Cricket Championships at different venues across the country yesterday.

At the Comilla Stadium, Bandarban beat Cox's Bazar by 52 runs in a curtailed 25-over a side match.

At the Pabna Stadium, Gaibandha earned a 48-run victory over Joypurhat.

At the Madaripur Stadium, Faridpur defeated Shariatpur by three wickets.

BRIEF SCORES

BANDARBAN: 149 for 7 in 25 overs (Noman 34, Saikat 30, Barkat 2/21, Latif 2/34).

COX'S BAZAR: 97 all out in 25 overs (Latif 22; Majib 3/29, Shamim 2/21).

GAIBANDHA: 150 all out in 49.2 overs (Asad 42, Kaiser 40, Masud 4/32).

JOYPURHAT: 102 all out in 49.5 overs (Borhan 23, Nahid 2/9, Pratik 2/11).

SHARIATPUR: 126 all out in 43.3 overs (Chanchal 23, Sagar 17; Manju 4/19, Shipon 4/28).

FARIDPUR: 129 for 7 in 33.3 overs (Satu 20, Shahidul 18; Mahmud 4/18).

PCB hasn't agreed yet

REUTERS, Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has yet to agree to a two-Test proposal from the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) for the series in October, a PCB official said.

"We are talking with the ACB officials and remain hopeful that they will agree to play three Tests in October," PCB director Brigadier Munawwar Rana told this news agency.

Australia want to play two Tests as they are keen to return home a week earlier from Pakistan and allow their players time to play in one first class match before they start their Ashes series against England in November.

Australia will also be playing in a Golden Jubilee triangular one-day series in August on the first leg of their Pakistan tour before going to Sri Lanka for the International Cricket Council (ICC) Challenge Trophy.

"We are keen to play a proper three-Test series because if one Test is reduced then we also lose revenues, particularly from television," said Rana.

"At the same time we also don't want to be branded with the tag of being a board and a team which can only play two-Test series."

Since last year, Pakistan have played three consecutive two-Test series against England, Bangladesh and West Indies. New Zealand will play a two-Test series after a three one-day international series.

Rana said talks were continuing with the ACB officials and added he hoped Australia would see Pakistan's point of view.

Ferrero lifts Monaco title

AFP, Monaco

Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero clinched the Monte Carlo Masters in stunning style here on Sunday and then set his sights on snatching Gustavo Kuerten's crown as clay court king.

Ferrero, who defeated fellow Spaniard Carlos Moya 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 here on Sunday, knows that his clay court credentials will face their toughest test when triple French Open champion Kuerten, who has recently undergone hip surgery, returns to defend his Roland Garros title next month.

Kuerten missed the Monte Carlo shindig and is the man most likely to stop Ferrero winning his first Grand Slam title in Paris.

Second seed Ferrero romped home in a two-hour battle to beat former French Open and Monaco champion Carlos Moya.

It was his first tournament win of the season and was worth 372,000 dollars while Moya took home 196,000.

Ferrero won his sixth career title and first since the Rome Masters Series last year as Moya missed out on his ninth following the first all-Spanish final here despite the country's recent domination of the event which was celebrating its 96th edition in its 106-year history.

What to watch

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Taped Version at 6:30 pm
Football Focus
Same Day Delay at 7:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
UEFA Champions League
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Live at 12:30 am (Wednesday)

STAR Sports

Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 10:30 am
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 6:30 pm
West Indies vs India
Second Test, Day Five
Live at 8:05 pm

India take control

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to hit seven fours in his 125-ball knock.

A tiring West Indies attack lost much of its sharpness in the closing session, with all of the four fast bowlers looking more like run-containing than wicket-taking bowlers.

Paceman Mervyn Dillon did little of note after trapping opener Shiv Das leg-before for no score in his third over, finishing with 1-34 off 15 overs.

Earlier, The West Indies lost their remaining four wickets for 48 runs after resuming at 197-6. Hooper, with only tail-enders to give him company, was the lone batsman to defy the Indian attack with 50.

Left-arm fast bowlers Ashish Nehra and Zaheer Khan, and off-spinner Harbhajan Singh shared three of the four wickets that fell in the morning.

Srinath was the most successful bowler, finishing with 3-71 off 22 overs. Nehra, Zaheer and Harbhajan each took two.

India kept the pressure on the West Indies batsmen from the

opening over, with Srinath and Nehra keeping a tidy line and length during their impressive opening spells.

Nehra struck first when he trapped Dillon leg-before for nine after he had added just three to his overnight score of six.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second Test between India and the West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval here on Sunday:

INDIA: First innings 339 (\$ Tendulkar 117, V Laxman 69 not out, R Dravid 67; M Black 3-53, A Sanford 3-111)

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 197-6)

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| Gayle c Das b Srinath | 13 |
| Williams c Das b Harbhajan | 43 |
| Sarwan c Dravid b Nehra | 35 |
| Lara c Ratna b Zaheer | 52 |
| Hooper c Ganguly b Zaheer | 50 |
| Chanderpaul lbw b Srinath | 1 |
| Murray lbw b Srinath | 0 |
| Dillon lbw b Nehra | 6 |
| Black run out | 9 |
| Sanford c Tendulkar b Harbhajan | 12 |
| Cuffy not out | 1 |

Extras: (nb-7, w-3, lb-8, b-5) 23
Total: (All out in 77.5 overs) 245
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-80, 3-136, 4-179, 5-180, 6-180, 7-201, 8-217, 9-232

| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
|-----------|------|---|----|---|
| Srinath | 22 | 4 | 71 | 3 |
| Nehra | 20 | 4 | 52 | 2 |
| Zaheer | 14 | 2 | 47 | 2 |
| Harbhajan | 19.5 | 3 | 51 | 2 |
| Bangar | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 |

INDIA: Second innings

Das lbw b Dillon 0
Bangar c Hooper b Sanford 16
Dravid c Murray b Cuffy 36
Tendulkar lbw b Sanford 0
Ganguly not out 48
Laxman not out 60
Extras: (nb-2, lb-2, b-1) 5
Total: (For 4 wkts in 68 overs) 165
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-54, 3-54, 4-56

| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
|---------|----|---|----|---|
| Dillon | 15 | 4 | 34 | 1 |
| Cuffy | 14 | 3 | 44 | 1 |
| Black | 14 | 2 | 36 | 0 |
| Sanford | 13 | 4 | 35 | 2 |
| Hooper | 11 | 4 | 12 | 0 |
| Sarwan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka) and Daryl Harper (Australia).

Round 1, Draw in Barisal

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

Information

- The *Daily Star* Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in Japan & South Korea from May 31 to June 30.
- There will be **SIX** rounds of competition.
- Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of **RANGS TOSHIBA** as per announcement.
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- All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in *The Daily Star*. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
- Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
- A person may send numerous entries for each round.
- Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen. Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.
- Complete forms will not be accepted.

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| 5th | One Toshiba Dry Iron | TA-A20C | and YOU |
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QUIZ SCHEDULE

| Round & Draw | Starts | Answers must reach by noon | Lucky Draw for prizes |
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| 1 Barisal | 12 April | 25 April | 26 April |
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