

'Blind Tendulkar' blasts Pakistan

AFP, Karachi

Blind Indian cricketer Rajinder Verma drew comparisons with sighted batting star Sachin Tendulkar on Tuesday as he hit a record 200 not out against Pakistan, guiding the tourists to a 161-run victory.

Verma, who is completely blind, hit four boundaries to compile the highest ever score by an Indian in this version of the game. India compiled a huge 409-2 in their 50 overs.

Pakistan managed 248 in 29 overs in reply with eight of their batsmen run out, giving India their first win after two defeats in the five-match series.

"Everyone praised me that I batted like Tendulkar and it's a great honour for me to score the highest ever score for Indian blind team," said 28-year-old Verma, from Jaipur in Rajasthan state.

"I wish Tendulkar scores many runs and my country wins when they come to play Pakistan next month," added Verma, who teaches at a school for blind children in Kanpur, India.

Verma was involved in a second-wicket stand of 200 with captain Manvinder Verma, who made a polished 79.

ICC special

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Dave Richardson, the ICC's general manager, said on Saturday that the presence of the team would help to deal with the problem of throwing.

"The game's elite young cricketers are all in Bangladesh and it is expected many of them will graduate to full international cricket over the coming years."

"By identifying any player who has a flaw in their technique now, there is the opportunity to address the problem before they graduate to senior international cricket."

The group, which will also spend time in Dhaka, can refer any player in the competition to their relevant national board for remedial action before he is considered for selection at full international level.

Willes waltz

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and Russell scored 48 off just 42 balls that included half a dozen fours.

Earlier, AK High recovered from a shaky start to post a fighting total score thanks to a century partnership for the fourth wicket between captain Jewel and Masum.

Jewel scored a brilliant 83 off 77 balls with the help of 11 fours and two sixes. Masum made an equally impressive 64. But the rest provided a sorry sitting card.

The final however was more academic than anything to do with the title race as both the winners and the losers have already made it through to the 12-team final round.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Willes Little Flower v

AK High School

Venue: DCG

AK HIGH SCHOOL: 224-9 in 40 overs (Jewel 83, Masum 64; Turjo 3-34; Rony 2-29).

WILLES LITTLE FLOWER: 225-3 in 33.1 overs (Mehrab 69, Shahid 52 n.o., Russell 48 n.o.; Shafiq 2-46).

Result: Willes Little Flower

School won by seven wickets.

Day's Event

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Venue: Barisal Stadium

Chittagong vs Sylhet

Venue: Comilla Stadium

Rajshahi vs Khulna

Venue: Rangpur Cricket Garden

ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup

Pakistan vs New Zealand (1:30 pm)

Venue: Bangabandhu National

Stadium

England vs Zimbabwe (9:00 am)

Venue: BKSP

Plate Championship

Ireland vs Canada (9:00 am)

Venue: MAAZ Stadium

Bangladesh vs Uganda (9:00 am)

Venue: Chittagong Divisional

Stadium



Fans take shelter from gusty wind and rain that hit the fourth one-day international between New Zealand and South Africa at Dunedin yesterday.

Lanka may alter trick

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, Colombo

expected to include fast bowler Nuwan Zoysa to partner Vaas. However, the ground is expected to be another spin-friendly surface.

If taken in, Zoysa will make an international return after an 18-month absence.

The hosts used only one paceman, Chaminda Vaas, and six spinners for Sunday's second match at Dambulla, and the veteran bowled a sensational last over to shape his team's one-run win.

Dyson, the former Australian Test batsman, said he was happy the gamble of picking one fast bowler paid off.

"It does not mean that in every game we are going to do that. We took the decision to suit the wicket," he said.

The world champions, who needed eight off the final over, could manage only six as left-arm seamer Vaas bowled a series of well-directed yorkers to help his team square the five-match series 1-1.

Australia scored 244-5 in reply to their opponents' 245.

Sri Lanka have named an unchanged squad for Wednesday's day-night third match at the Premadasa Stadium here, but are

The tourists conceded 32 extras in Sunday's game, including eight wides and seven no-balls.

"We bowled a few wides and no-balls, but we will pick ourselves up again and hopefully play better next time," he said.

Marvan Atapattu (captain), Mahela Jayawardene (vice-captain), Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Russell Arnold, Upul Chandana, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralitharan, Kumar Dharmasena, Romesh Kaluhi-tharan, Nuwan Kulasekara, Kusal Kusal Lokuarachchi, Nuwan Zoysa, Saman Jayantha.

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AFP, London

up his fitness over the winter and I'm sure that his wicket-taking capabilities will be a real asset to Duncan Fletcher (coach) and Michael Vaughan (England captain) in the Caribbean."

Jones took 10 wickets in his first major comeback match against Tamil Nadu last week.

His figures of 10 for 88, including five wickets in each innings helped England to a 187-run victory.

England's first Test of a four-match series against the West Indies starts in Jamaica on April 11.

They have not won a Test series in the Caribbean since 1968 when Jones's father Jeff, a left-arm Glamorgan fast bowler, was in the side.

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Now Glamorgan paceman Jones will fly back to Britain later this week before joining up with the rest of the squad in Jamaica. England are due to arrive in the Caribbean on Wednesday.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BELIEVE IT'S TRUE THAT A TREASURER'S WORK IS INVOLVED WITH CHECKS AND BALANCES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals O

The Cryptoquip 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 localizing vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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