

Martin mesmerises SA

Cricket
AFP, Auckland

A devastating spell by recalled pacerman Chris Martin wrecked the heart of the South African batting order and put New Zealand in sight of victory at stumps on the fourth day of the second cricket Test here Sunday.

Martin took four wickets, including Gary Kirsten and Neil McKenzie in successive balls, as South Africa turned a bold run chase into a fight for survival at 277 for six, requiring a further 22 runs to make New Zealand bat again.

After New Zealand were dismissed for 595 earlier in the day and Martin bowled Graeme Smith first ball when the South African second innings began, the tourists struck back with Herschelle Gibbs compiling a quick 61 before he was out to a dubious leg before wicket decision soon after the 100 came up.

While that decision went against South Africa, television replays showed Jacques Rudolph was fortunate to survive an appeal from Daniel Vettori and Jacques Kallis was equally lucky to get the benefit of the doubt on 16 when Scott Styris wrapped him on the pads.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second cricket Test between New Zealand and South Africa here Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 296 (G Smith 88, H Gibbs 80; C Martin 6-76)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (over-night 584-8)

Richardson c Gibbs b Kallis	45
Pappas c Boje b Pollock	0
Fleming c Kallis b Ntini	4
Styris c Pollock b Boje	170
McMillan b Pollock	82
McCullum b Ntini	13
Cairns c Kallis b Smith	158
Oram b Ntini	90
Vettori not out	4
Tuffey b Pollock	13
Martin b Pollock	0
Extras: (lb-10, nb-6)	16
Total: (All out in 148.5 overs)	595
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-12, 3-137, 4-285, 5-314, 6-349, 7-574, 8-578, 9-595	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	32.5	6	113	4
Ntini	36	7	110	3
Terbrugge	22	4	93	0
Kallis	23	1	108	1
Boje	22	2		
108				
McKenzie	2	0	8	
0				
Rudolph	6	0	2	6
0				
Smith	5	0		
19				

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings

Smith	b
Martin	b
0	
Gibbs	lbw b

O	r	a	m	M	a	r	t	i	n
61				10					
Rudolph	n	o	t	Pollock	n	o	t		
121				5					
Kallis	lbw	b		Extras:	(nb-1, b-6, lb-1)				
71				8					
McKenzie	lbw	b		Total:	(For 6 wkts in 83 overs)	277			
0				Fall of wickets:	1-0, 2-103, 3-249, 4-250, 5-250, 6-272				
McKenzie	c	Pappas	b	Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Martin				Martin	17	4	71	4	
Boucher	c	Fleming	b	Oram	19	7	43	1	



South Africa's Jacques Rudolph responds to the crowd's applause after he reached his century on the fourth day of the second Test against New Zealand at Auckland yesterday.

M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Mohammedan Sporting Club defeated Mukul Fouz (Green) by six-wicket in the Navana Premier Division Cricket League at the Circuit House ground yesterday.

Batting first Mukul Fouz collected 170 for nine in 45 overs.

In reply, Mohammedan Sporting made 172 for four in 36.2 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

MUKUL FOUZ: 170/9 in 45 overs (Omar 53, Babu 19, Mithu 18, extras 22; Liton 2/26, Imran 2/25).

MOHAMMEDAN SPORTING CLUB: 172/4 in 36.2 overs (Imran 51, Haris 46, Moni 26, extras 39; Aslam 2/29, Al-Amin 1/12).

AIUB cricket

UNB, Dhaka

The Independent University registered a one-wicket victory over IUBAT University in the 3rd AIUB Cup inter-private university cricket tournament at Gulshan Youth ground yesterday.

Batting first, IUBAT scored 218-9 in the stipulated 40 overs. Gazi Tanvir Hossain contributed 62 runs.

In reply, Independent University reached 220-9 in 38.5 overs with a valuable 56 by Khandakar Rajib.

Advance party

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Anweruzzaman pulling the trigger.

The swimmers are hoping to set the pool afire in the 50m butterfly and 50m and 100m breaststroke events.

Officials of the weightlifting federation have already raised the mark by eyeing gold in the 62kg category.

Bangladesh finished with two golds in shooting and football at the 1999 Kathmandu SAF Games.

NB v'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

The last match of the National Bank Premier Division Volleyball League between Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Police will take place today at the outer stadium volleyball court at 4pm.

Defending champions Rifles should win the match to register their eighth consecutive title as Titus Club dominated the table with 25 points, one point ahead of holders.

Bangladesh Police secured 22 points from eight matches.

Rain foils Eng

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ending the day with a reasonable lead.

England coach Duncan Fletcher was more concerned about the state of the pitch, however, and was unwilling to predict what would happen over the next three days.

The long break for rain also meant that the momentum West Indies had gained from removing Vaughan and Trescottick would have been lost, as well as the hardness and sheen of ball on the wet, mucky outfield.

Trescottick had failed to make use of two reprieves before he had scored.

Television replays showed umpire Billy Bowden had dubiously ruled in his favour when the left-hander gloved a ball from Best to wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs down the leg-side, before Trescottick sliced a sharp, low chance to Dwayne Smith at gully a few balls later off the same bowler where the ball was dropped.

Earlier, England needed about half-hour to complete their demolition of the West Indies' first innings that continued from the overnight position of 189 for eight with Steve Harmison ending with six wickets for 61 runs from 20.1 overs to take his tally of wickets in the series to 15.

Jacobs succeeded in running himself out for a useful 40. When going for a third run, he was beaten by Ashley Giles' throw from near the cover boundary to wicketkeeper Chris Read before Harmison bowled Collins for 10 to bring an end to the innings.

England, bidding to end a 36-year wait for a Test series victory over West Indies in the Caribbean, won the opening Test at Kingston by 10 wickets.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the rain-affected second day of the second Test between West Indies and England at Queen's Park Oval on Saturday:

WEST INDIES: First innings 208 all out in 60.1 overs (Gayle 62, Jacobs 40, Smith 35; Harmison 6-61)

ENGLAND: First innings

Trescottick c Sanford b Best 1

Vaughan lbw b Collins 0

Butcher not out 25

Hussain not out 20

Extras: (lb-6, nb-2) 8

Total: (For 2 wkts in 24.2 overs) 54

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-8

To Bat: Thorpe, Flintoff, Read, Giles, Hoggard, Jones, Harmison

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Collins	9	5	15	1
Best	6	2	15	1
Sanford	6	3	17	0
Collymore	3.2	2	1	0

Federer-Henman showdown

Tennis

AFP, Indian Wells

World No. 1 Roger Federer finished with back-to-back aces in the closing game to dispatch Andre Agassi on Saturday and reach his first final at the ATP/WTB Indian Wells event.

The reigning Australian Open and Wimbledon champion defeated Agassi 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the one hour, 53 minutes match at the 4.9 million dollar Masters Series event, booking a Sunday final date with England's Tim Henman.

It was the sixth career meeting between the two and the third straight victory by Federer, who is the first Swiss male to capture a Grand Slam.

"It is always very special for me when I beat players like Pete (Sampras), Andre, (Patrick) Rafter or Goran (Ivanisevic)," said Federer. "Those guys have lived through so much. To beat one of those guys today is really one of those nice moments during the season."

Federer said he is playing with superior confidence than he has in the past.

"I was able to turn this match around," said Federer. "I wouldn't have been able to do that a few years ago. I would panic and start to serve and volley."

The 22-year-old Federer had 11 aces, hammered 30 winners and registered a 82 percent success rate on first-serve points.

Federer's victory sets up a clash with Henman, who overpowered unseeded Irakli Labadze of Georgia 6-3, 6-2 in the other semifinal.

Henman is the only player to have beaten Federer this season, taking him out in the quarterfinals in Rotterdam last month.

"If he wants to win the tournament he has to beat me playing my game," said Federer, who has a dismal 1-6 lifetime record against Henman. "He has to change something in his game. We'll see tomorrow."

No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne, of Belgium, will square off with third seeded American Lindsay Davenport in the women's final on Sunday.

Federer was able to step up his play when needed on big points

against Agassi, especially up three match points while serving in the final game.

He closed out the match with back-to-back aces, numbers 10 and 11. He then thrust both arms into the air and walked to the net to shake hands with the eight-time Grand Slam champion Agassi, who won this event three years ago.

"It was a great way serve out," said Federer, who improved to 21-1 this year. "I was trying to make that ace out wide and I did it. It is my favourite serve."

Federer was the hottest player on the ATP Tour in 2003, winning seven titles. His 78-match victories last year were the most by any ATP player.

Federer committed 12 unforced errors in losing the first set and had his serve broken in the fifth game by Agassi for just the second time in 34 games in

the tournament.

"I struggled with my rhythm on my backhand side a bit," said Federer, whose mother is South African. "It was important for me to get more aggressive on returning his serve."

"Take chances and not allow him to just hit the kick serve and then start rallying me from the baseline."

"He makes you run a lot. At 30-love or 40-love it's tough to come back on him."

Federer broke Agassi's serve in second game of the second set, but then in one superb stretch the 33-year-old American won 13 of 14 service points.

Agassi made 23 unforced errors to Federer's 36 and four double faults to five for Federer. He recorded a 76 percent success rate on first-serve points.

"I had my serve working fine," said Agassi. "You have to make



Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates after beating American Andre Agassi in the Indian Wells semifinal on Saturday.

Chris pays John back

Cricket
REUTERS, Auckland

New Zealand medium-fast bowler Chris Martin has repaid the faith shown in him by coach John Bracewell after taking 10 wickets in the second Test against South Africa on Sunday.

Martin captured his first 10-wicket haul as South Africa suffered a late second innings collapse to close on 277 for six on the fourth day of the second Test.

But the 29-year-old only earned his place in the team after fast bowler Shane Bond suffered stress fractures to his back.

Earlier in the season he was not even in the frame after Ian Butler was called in to play Pakistan, while Michael Mason was waiting in the wings.

"He was recommended by his peers, really. Many said he was particularly good at bowling to left-handers and South Africa has plenty of them," said Bracewell.

"He has backed up our faith with some fantastic bowling."

Martin, who sported a pony tail when he started out in first class cricket, was called into the second Test squad after an impressive domestic season for Canterbury and a good match for New Zealand A against Sri Lanka A while the first Test



CHRIS MARTIN

was being drawn in Hamilton last week.

Many considered he would be prime candidate for 12th man duties.

Martin played 11 Tests after first being selected, again as an injury

replacement, during the injury-hit tour by New Zealand to South Africa in 2000.

His first Test wicket was that of Gary Kirsten at Bloemfontein, and Kirsten was again a victim on Sunday when Martin trapped him leg before for his second score of one in his 100th Test.

His last Test was the innings and 324 mauling New Zealand received by Pakistan in Lahore two years ago, but he said he had never given up hope of playing Test cricket again.

"I've been working hard in the last two off-seasons and I've put on 10kg and cut down on my smoking," he said. "I always hoped I hadn't been forgotten, but when it comes down to it, if you perform you'll always be noticed."

Jacques Rudolph, the mainstay of South Africa's second innings with 121 not out, said: "He's one of those type of guys who keeps coming at you and you've always got to be in control and keep on concentrating. He's a very good bowler."

"He swings the ball nicely across the left-handers like me and he bowled some reverse swing at the death there."

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN SOMEBODY REALLY CAN'T STAND MARINES, WILL THAT PERSON BE ROTTEN TO THE CORPS?

Today's Cryptquip Clue: A equals B

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Poor lose \$40b

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The IFPRI, which focuses on agriculture in poor countries, said the lost exports would be able to add nearly \$30 billion to farmers' incomes in the developing world.

"There is no level playing field for the developing economies, including the countries in the South Asian region, as developed economies are pumping in a very high level of subsidies to their farmers," said Suresh Babu, a senior research fellow of the IFPRI who chaired the workshop's inaugural session yesterday.

Citing an IFPRI research, Babu said that "agricultural surpluses in rich countries, generated through protectionism and subsidies and then dumped onto world markets, hurt agricultural development in developing countries."

The five-day workshop titled 'South Asian Initiatives: Methods for Analysing Markets and Market Reforms for High-Value Agriculture' was held at Hotel La Vinci in association with Jahangirnagar University (JU) and the Asian Development Bank.

Some 24 delegates from across the South Asian region and also from the United States are participating in the workshop, the first of its kind in Bangladesh, to discuss some of the

most crucial agricultural issues including developing nations' abilities to cope with globalisation.

Poor countries' demands that Western nations slash agricultural subsidies brought about a collapse in World Trade Organisation (WTO) talks in September in the Mexican resort Cancun.

The developing world argues that the subsidies artificially lower prices on goods, making it impossible for their farmers to compete.

Head of JU's economics department Zinatunnesa Khuda and IFPRI Research Fellow and South Asia Coordinator PK Joshi also spoke at the workshop. JU Prof Abdul Bayes, Prof Gopal Naik of Indian Institute of Management and Parthasarathy Rao of International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics presented separate papers during working sessions later in the day.

In his welcome speech, PK Joshi said: "This workshop provides a unique opportunity to develop a better understanding of how South Asia can realise the potential benefits of globalisation efforts."

Talking to newsmen on the sidelines of the workshop, Suresh Babu said: "The IFPRI wants to help countries to better understand the WTO policies ... we're fighting for

developing economies, that's our mandate."

Babu said Bangladesh and other South Asian countries whose economies are dominated by agriculture meant almost exclusively for domestic markets needed to diversify to high-value farm goods that could make lucrative exports.

He was particularly critical of the poor level of agricultural investment in South Asia, saying "at least 10 percent of agricultural GDP (gross domestic product) should be invested in agricultural research."

"In India, for instance, only two percent is invested and in Bangladesh the amount is even less," he said.

Zinatunnesa Khuda expressed fear that globalisation and the growing dominance of large corporations could leave millions of farmers in the developing world "vulnerable." She also cautioned against the harmful effects of spraying artificial chemicals for quick marketing of fish and fruits.

According to '2020 Global Food Outlook,' a report by the IFPRI, South Asia is projected to be home to nearly half of the developing world's malnourished children in less than 20 years.

Roger beat you with his backhand because it is definitely the weaker of his two shots.

"But if you don't execute your shot he dances around it and has arguably the best forehand in the game."

Super Schumi in top gear

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

World champion Michael Schumacher continued his ruthless domination of Formula One as he claimed his second win of the season and the 72nd of his career in Sunday's Malaysian Grand Prix.

Ferrari's Schumacher, who won the season-opening Australian Grand Prix two weeks ago, made the perfect start and was never seriously troubled as he led home Williams driver Juan Pablo Montoya.

The six-time