

Mauresmo meets Zvonareva in final

AFP, Philadelphia

Top seed and defending champion Amelie Mauresmo reached the final of the \$85,000-dollar WTA indoor tournament here Saturday without lifting a racket when Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova withdrew.

In the title match Sunday, Mauresmo will face sixth-seeded Russian Vera Zvonareva, who defeated seventh-seeded countrywoman Nadia Petrova 6-3, 7-6.

The third-seeded Sharapova was scheduled to face France's Mauresmo in a night semi-final. But she withdrew earlier Saturday citing a right shoulder strain.

Sharapova suffered the injury in Zurich two weeks ago, then aggravated it in her quarterfinal victory over Alicia Molik on Friday.

"I'm very disappointed I am not able to continue my play in Philadelphia," the Russian said. "I was having a really good tournament and I'm sure it will still be an exciting final weekend. I just wish I could be a part of it."

Mauresmo said: "I would have liked to play her. But the day was over earlier than I thought."

Mauresmo, ranked number one in the world earlier this year, will be seeking her fifth WTA Tour singles title of the year and the 15th of her career.

Zvonareva, 20, will be in search of her second crown of 2004 and the third singles triumph in her career.

Already with her performance this week, Zvonareva has booked her berth in the season-ending WTA Tour Championships next week.

"Qualifying (for the Championships) took a lot of the pressure off today," Zvonareva said. "It's great to beat a Top 10 player."

After winning the first set against Petrova, Zvonareva surrendered a 5-3 lead in the second and had to fight through a tiebreaker.

"I was keeping my concentration but then I lost it and relaxed and waited for her errors," said Zvonareva, who raced to a 5-1 lead in the tiebreaker.

This week started with two berths in the elite event up for grabs, which have been claimed by Zvonareva and Serena Williams, who didn't play in Philadelphia.

Mauresmo has won all four of the lifetime meetings with Zvonareva.

"Tomorrow, I think the physical is what will be most important," Mauresmo said. "And I believe I am better."

England keep

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England had booked their berth in the final with a 15-run victory over the United Arab Emirates after totalling 92-4, in which Maddy again shone with 39 not out.

He also featured in important partnerships with Napier and Chris Tremlett after England had slumped to 35-3 early on.

In the other semifinal, Sri Lanka off-spinner Dilruwan Perera took a hat-trick in a 10-run victory over Pakistan.

Hong Kong thrashed Kenya in the final of the plate competition, scoring a massive 135-1, and bowling out the Africans for 85.

Lee eyes Test

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his five-wicket hauls came against the Kiwis.

Lee broke down with an ankle injury in Sri Lanka in March and last played a Test against India two months earlier.

He said he was feeling the benefit of working hard and shedding several kilos in the Indian heat.

"It's probably the fittest I think I've ever felt. I had a good eight to 10 weeks of solid training. I wasn't playing any cricket, so each day I was just in the gym and doing a bit of boxing," he said.

WI name probables for Aussie tri-series

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

West Indies have named a provisional squad of 25 for a triangular one-day series in Australia in January.

The series, also involving Pakistan, will mark the team's return to action from a three-month lay-off following their International Cricket Council Champions Trophy victory.

It will also be the first time they have played under new coach Bennett King.

The squad includes six uncapped names: Deighton Butler, Narsingh Deonarine, Sherwin Ganga, Xavier Marshall, Dinesh Ramdin and Dwight Washington.

But batsmen Dwayne Smith and Sylvester Joesph, wicketkeeper Carlton Baugh and pacemen Tino Best and Fidel Edwards have all been overlooked.

Smith was dropped by Barbados during the President's Cup following poor returns in last month's regional limited-overs competition.

"We believe he has a tremendous amount of potential and that he is just going through a phase,"

chairman of selectors Joey Carey said.

"He needs to score some runs, get some wickets and feel confident when he gets onto the field. I'm sure in the not-too-distant future he'll be back in the squad."

No decision has yet been taken on who will captain the team, but King has indicated he feels Brian Lara should keep the job for the time being.

Others in the Caribbean believe, however, the time is right for a change, with Ramnaresh Sarwan and Chris Gayle among the leading candidates to take over if Lara is relieved of the post.

The West Indies Cricket Board, meanwhile, plans to hold a three-week training camp in Barbados, beginning on November 29.

But all the players must meet new Eligibility and Selection criteria in order to attend.

These include being available for selection by their respective regional sides in the domestic competition which precedes the tour.

The squad will be reduced to 14 prior to departure on December 29, with their opening warm-up game against Victoria following a week later.

PROVISIONAL SQUAD

Ian Bradshaw, Dwayne Bravo, Courtney Browne, Deighton

Butler, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore, Narsingh Deonarine, Mervyn Dillon, Darren Ganga, Sherwin Ganga, Chris Gayle, Ryan Hinds, Wavell Hinds, Reon King, Brian Lara, Xavier Marshall, Runako Morton, Ricardo Powell, Dinesh Ramdin, Darren Sammy, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Devon Smith, Dwight Washington.

BANGLADESH-NZ SCOREBOARD

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Extras: (lb-4, w-4, nb-4) 12
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 167
Did not bat: Tapash Baisya and Mushfiqur Rahman.
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-42, 3-48, 4-86, 5-96, 6-109, 7-138

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mills	10	1	39	1
Franklin	9	2	29	1
Stryis	10	1	31	1
Cairns	7	0	21	1
Vettori	10	0	25	3
Harris	4	0	18	0

Result: New Zealand won the match by 83 runs and take the series 3-0.

Man-of-the-match: Matthew Sinclair

Player-of-the-series: Scott Stryis

Toss: New Zealand

Umpires: AFM Akhtaruddin (Bangladesh) and MR Benson (England).

Mutu offered coaching job

AFP, London

Adrian Mutu, banned this week for seven months for testing positive for cocaine, has been offered a job as Romania's assistant coach.

Romania boss Anghel Iordanescu said: "I have invited him to join the national team during his break to become my assistant coach."

"I am sure Adrian will come back from this and we want to help him. He has the ability because he is a strong individual and has the support of everybody in Romania."

Mutu on Saturday apologised to fans at Chelsea, the club that sacked him after target testing him for drugs.

Iordanescu said Mutu deserved a second chance.

"Any fans who don't agree with me should not forget that Adrian won two games for us almost single-handedly," he told The News of the World.

"Adrian made a big mistake but he is still ours. I have heard many people executing him with their comments, saying that they are ashamed to be the same nationality as Mutu. They are stupid people. The boy must be helped."

Mutu told Chelsea fans he was sorry for what he had done.

"Football is my life, it gave me a lot. I want to come back and play at the same level - a higher level - and be stronger than before."

Australian legend passes away

AFP, Sydney

The Australian football fraternity was on Sunday looking for ways to honour the memory of former Australian captain and respected commentator Johnny Warren, who died over the weekend aged 61.

Warren captained Australia to its only appearance in the World Cup finals in Germany in 1974 and played 42 international for his country from 1965 to 1974.

He was a passionate advocate for the sport in Australia and helped form the revamped Australian Premier League competition, which will kick off next August.

Warren was diagnosed with tumours in his lungs in late 2002. For a time it appeared he had beaten the illness, only for test results last March to reveal that the tumours had reappeared.

Players, officials and fans expressed their grief at the loss of a man seen as a visionary for Australian football, which has struggled to compete with the rugby codes and Australian Rules football in this sports-mad country.

Surrey close

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did not play a game due to a finger injury.

He later had surgery on the damaged digit which meant another frustrating absence from the game for much of 2004.

However his recent performances against Australia, in which he picked up three five-wicket hauls in just three Tests, showed he was back on top of his game.

Harbhajan missed India's defeat in Nagpur in the third Test with a stomach virus.

A Flemo revelation

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saying, "Look, I don't think we should be talking about this. I don't really want to be part of this at all."

Fleming said he informed the team management of the approach and later gave a statement to Scotland Yard detectives.

Six months later England all-rounder Chris Lewis went public with similar claims. Khetrappal denied the allegation that he offered 300,000 pounds to Lewis to persuade England players to throw a Test against New Zealand.

SERIES SALAD

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accept Bangladesh team manager MA Latif Khan's explanation that the 17-year old right-arm pacer youngster was sick and that's why he was excluded.

Then there were whisperings that the youngster was dropped to make way for all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman who was the preferred choice of stand-in captain Khaled Mashud whenever the Rajshahi stumper gets the chance to lead the team.

The confusion increased when Nazmul was fielding as 12th man. However, it was later confirmed that Under-19 pacer Rubaiyat did the job wearing Nazmul's shirt.

While this was going on, unlucky Nazmul, who also fell ill before the Test series, sat in front of the dressing room.

"The doctor has advised him to take rest because he is suffering from fever. We were forced to drop him at the eleventh hour. He will be examined tomorrow," informed Latif.



MARAT SAFIN

RADEK STEPANEK

Safin, Stepanek to face off

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Russian sixth seed Marat Safin overcame an injury scare to beat Argentina's 13th seed Guillermo Canas 6-2, 7-6 on Saturday to move just one match away from winning his third Paris Masters title.

The 24-year-old Russian, the champion in 2000 and 2002, will now face the Czech Republic's Radek Stepanek who beat fellow qualifier Max Mirnyi of Belarus 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 to reach the first final of his eight-year career.

As well as chasing his third victory here - a feat only matched by Boris Becker - Safin will also be hunting his third title of the season after winning in Beijing and the Madrid Masters.

But Sunday's showdown will be a new challenge for the former world number one as Stepanek is an old fashioned serve-and-volleyer.

"It will be a completely different style to what I have faced so far. I'm not used to that, but he is not used to playing in finals," said Safin.

"Hopefully I will be lucky. He will be under pressure because he doesn't get to finals every week. One or two points in each set will make the difference."

Canas, who has fought his way to

number 14 in the world after an injury-ravaged 2003 sent his ranking crashing to 274, proved a brave opponent but Safin said his positive approach in the tie-break paid off.

"I didn't serve very well in the second set and I got angry with myself. But in a tie-break, it's a lottery. It is about who takes the risks not who makes the mistakes. I took the risks and luck was with me."

It will be Safin's fifth final of a year but his title push almost suffered a premature end in the second game of the opening set when he needed treatment on a right ankle injury caused when he crashed to the ground chasing a Canas return.

But he still raced through the first set in 30 minutes with breaks in the fourth and eighth games only allowing Canas four points on his service.

In a tense second set tie-break, Safin prevailed but not without controversy. At 5-5, a Safin forehand was called long by the line judge but good by umpire Romano Grillotti who ordered the point to be replayed.

Canas fumed but TV replays showed the ball was in and the umpire had been correct.

The Argentinian then claimed the next point, which gave Safin match point, should also have been called out and his concentration was completely shattered when the Russian hit a decisive backhand

volley to win the tie.

Stepanek, the world number 63, has had a mediocre season with five quarter-finals representing his best performances.

On Sunday he will attempt to become the first qualifier to win a Masters event since Spain's Albert Portas won in Hamburg in 2001.

The 25-year-old will also be buoyed by having won his only career meeting against Safin in Moscow three weeks ago.

"I will let Safin think I am under pressure," said Stepanek who is also prepared to have the fans rooting for his opponent.

"I am used to that but I will fight and hopefully I will get them on my side."

Stepanek has seized his chance this week profiting from playing in the half of the draw which had been stripped of Roger Federer, Agassi and Carlos Moya who all withdrew injured.

Mirnyi, the conqueror of top seed Andy Roddick, carved out the only break in the first set in the second game but Stepanek dominated the second set tie-break.

Stepanek then grabbed the crucial breakthrough in the third game of the final set to lead 2-1 and then took the tie with another in a long line of crisp volleys.

Black Caps' 3-0 cruise

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back fifties after missing the first match in Chittagong, gave the Kiwis a decent start when he put on 72 runs with Nathan Aspinall.

Aslie was uncharacteristically sedate in his 27 off 60 balls before a brilliant one-handed pick-up and throw by Alok Kapali undid him in the 19th over.

The visitors then lost three wickets in the space of six runs to stumble to 105 for four. Aftab, fresh from a five-wicket haul in the previous match, initiated the collapse. But the medium pacer was extremely lucky to get the lbw verdict against

left-hander Chris Harris as the ball pitched way outside the leg stump.

Rafique got into the act and sent back Hamish Marshall and Sinclair in quick succession. Marshall spooned the ball to Rajin Saleh at cover to record a second-ball duck while Sinclair, who scored 66 off 77 balls with seven hits to the fence, mistimed an on-drive to give a return catch to the veteran left-arm spinner.

Stryis then steadied the innings by sharing a significant 86-run partnership with Craig McMillan (39 off 54 balls) for the fifth wicket. Stryis' sensible 68-ball 51 had a

straight six and one four.

Rafique then came back in his second spell to dismissed Stryis and McMillan in successive overs. But from 207-6 at the end of the 47th over, Cairns took charge cracking three sixes and two fours as New Zealand rattled up 43 runs in the last three overs.

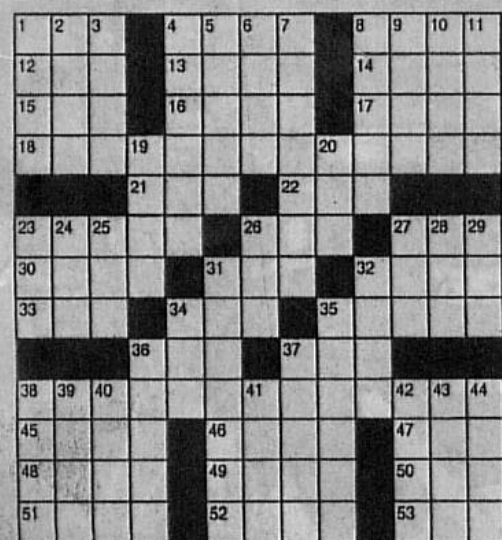
Rafique, who conceded only 26 runs in his first 7 overs, finished with an expensive 4-63, his career best bowling in one-dayers. He also went past Khaled Mahmud as the leading wicket-taker in ODIs for the Tigers yesterday. Rafique now has 56 wickets while Mahmud has 54.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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L M O L R J A L
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE ORANGE GROWER IS FINALLY SEEKING NEW WORK. HE'S SO TIRED OF THE DAILY RIND.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J 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 locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Klinsmann to blame for Kahn gaffe!

AFP, Munich


German national coach Jurgen Klinsmann is to blame for goalkeeper Oliver Kahn's late error in Bayern Munich's 1-0 Champions League defeat to Juventus on Wednesday, according to Munich vice-president Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

With the match in the dying seconds Kahn spilled Zlatan Ibrahimovic's shot into the path of Alessandro Del Piero to tuck in a late winner at the Olympic Stadium.

"Kahn's mistake can be traced back to the national team," Rummenigge told Munich newspaper TZ. "How can the goalkeeper be relaxed and confident when he knows he is constantly being scrutinised?"

Klinsmann stripped Kahn of the captain's armband on his arrival as manager and informed the Bayern custodian he had to fight it out with Arsenal's Jens Lehmann for the number-one jersey.

"Before Klinsmann became national coach everything was working well," added Rummenigge. "He opened up the goalkeeping debate and must now end it."



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