Windies wilt again

Pakistan clinch 2nd one-daver

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, Gros Islet (St Lucia)

Pakistan again exposed the fragility of the West Indies' batting to clinch a comfortable 40-run triumph in their second one day international.

West Indies were dismissed for 218 in 48.2 overs, chasing 259 to win, to concede an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the best-of-three series that ends on Sunday here.

Pakistan also won the opening match of the series last Wednesday

at Arnos Vale by 59 runs. It is the first time Pakistan have defeated West Indies in a one-day series in the Caribbean, although they won a triangular competition in 2000 involving Zimbabwe.

The defeat equalled the longest losing streak for West Indies, who were also beaten in eight consecutive games in 1999-2000.

Runako Morton, playing in his fourth ODI, was the top scorer for West Indies with seven fours in 55 from 98 balls.

Outside of Morton, Chris Gayle gave the innings the usual flourish at the top of the order with five fours and one six in 43 from 45 balls, and Courtney Browne hit two fours and two sixes in late flurry of 35 from 29 balls, but no other batsman came to grips with the steady, if not menacing Pakistan bowling.

Shahid Afridi collected four wickets for 38 runs from his allotment of 10 overs with his lea-spin missiles to be the pick of the Pakistan bowlers

Half-centuries from Shoaib Malik, who was later named man-ofthe-match, and Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq had helped the visitors post a competitive 258 for eight from their 50 overs.

Shoaib, who Gavle dropped on one at first slip off Daren Powell in the ninth over, and Inzamam both hit three boundaries and both scored 51 from 91 and 58 balls respectively.

The two added 55 for the fourth wicket to lead consistent batting right down the order from the Pakistanis, who also got 48 from Younis Khan.

Corey Collymore snared three wickets for 40 runs from his allotment of 10 overs to be the most successful West Indies bowler.

West Indies had problems from early, when Pakistan keeper Kamran Akmal and first slip fielder Younis Khan muffed a chance to remove teenaged opening batsman Xavier Marshall, clearly out of his depth, in the first over off Rana Navedul Hasan

Rana eventually got his man, when Marshall sliced a drive and was caught at gully for seven in the

Gayle continued to play his strokes freely, but Shabbir Ahmed

where that's going to take me," said

acting roles but there are a lot of

shows wanting me to have a few

moments on them. At this moment

there is nothing on the line, so I am

"When I get back to the US after

Her target for the next two weeks

Wimbledon there are a few options

is to get through the testing condi-

tions of Roland Garros on a clay

surface which she admits is not her

favourite although she surprised

even herself in 2004 by making the

In 2005, her two clay-court

tournaments have seen her lose to

Justine Henin-Hardenne in the

quarterfinals in Berlin and then go

down in three sets to Patty

Schnyder in the semifinals in Rome.

hopes of entering the French Open

as world number one were

Total: (For 6 wks decl, 49 overs)230

Did not bat: Pietersen, King.

Both defeats meant that her

not going to be in anything soon.

of maybe doing something.

"There's not a lot of time to do

Sharapova

the Russian

quarterfinals.

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bowled him in the 14th over and the West Indies innings continued to

Morton and Wavell Hinds, who came together when the total was 114 for four in the 25th over, added 49 for the fifth wicket in the best partnership of the innings.

They however, were removed in a period when West Indies lost three wickets for nine runs in the space of 14 balls to subside to 172 for seven in the 40th over, and literally give up

Earlier, Pakistan, who chose to bat in ideal conditions, suffered two setbacks inside the first 10 overs, when Shahid Afridi was caught at mid-off for 12 off Powell, who smartly fielded to his own bowling, and effected the run out of Salman Butt for 16 to leave the visitors 33 for two in the seventh over.

Yousuf Youhana joined Shoaib and was just beginning to seize control, when Hinds, bowling his part-time medium pace, had him caught behind for 21, essaying a drive in the 20th over to leave Pakistan 81 for three.

The wicket of Shoaib, who was run out when he failed to beat Shivnarine Chandernaul's direct hit at the bowler's end from mid-on in the 31st over, and Inzamam retiring hurt on 33, after one of Gayle's offspin darts struck in the groin region in the 36th over, slowed Pakistan

Abdul Razzaq came to the wicket to replace Inzamam and with Younis lifted the tempo, but Collymore bowled him for 20 in the 41st over, and the Pakistanis could only make steady, and not flourishing, prog-ress towards the close of their

"We are playing our best cricket for a while," vice-captain Younis Khan told reporters.

"I think the tough tours to Australia and India have helped us gel as a team and believe in ourselves. Those tours were a turning

Younis will lead Pakistan in the first Test in Barbados in the absence of Inzamam, who will serve a one-match ban for excessive appealing in India.

"It is a dream come true to get the chance to lead Pakistan in a Test match. But my main ambition is to lead Pakistan to a win in Barbados as we have never won a test series in West Indies," said Younis.

SCORES IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN: 258 for 8 in 50 overs (Malik 51, Inzamam 51, Younis 48; WEST INDIES: 218 all out in 48.2 overs (Gayle 43, Morton 55, Browne 35; Afridi 4-38, Navedul 2-

Result: Pakistan won by 40 runs. Series: Pakistan lead the three-

Pietersen's reminder

AFP, London

Hampshire batsman Kevin Pietersen passed the century mark against Glamorgan on Saturday to remind England selectors who left him out of the Test squad facing Bangladesh.

The 24-year-old, tipped for a Test debut this summer but not included in the line-up for Lord's next week. resumed on 57 on day two of the county championship clash at the Rose Bowl and his eventual 126 helped the hosts reach 375 for five by stumps.

Former England batsman John Crawley anchored Hants' first innings with a measured 106 from 247 balls, while Greg Lamb weighed in with 42. Glamorgan's bowlers toiled and skipper Robert Croft was their most successful with two for 107.

The hosts lost four big wickets for 12 runs inside three overs on the second afternoon as they limped to 169 for nine in reply to 301 by the time rain and bad light brought an early close to a day shorn by bad weather.

Cook ended the day with four wickets at the cost of 38 runs while Darren Bicknell, who managed 63 before being run out, was the only Notts man who can have been happy with his day's work.

In Division Two, wicketkeeper Philip Mustard struck a vital 78 to give Durham a first-innings lead against Yorkshire at Chester-le-Street.

In reply to the visitors' 254, Mustard came to the crease with his side struggling on 146 for six before launching an offensive to swing the game in Durham's favour.

Kamal named **BU's football** chairman

SPORTS REPORTER Premier and National



League champions Brothers Union yesterday named AY Mohammed Kamal as chairman of the club's new football commit-

Kamal. director of DCCI and a member of PRIMERA LIGA

Betis boost hopes

HIERRO HONOURED

Real Betis beat Real Zaragoza 3-2 in the Spanish League on Saturday to jump two places to third which would be enough for Champions League football next season.

Real Betis must now travel to Real Mallorca in their final game next week in an attempt to hold on to third, enough for a qualifying round spot in Europe's top club competi-

Should Betis go through, they would have made the most of the disappointing seasons of traditional European qualifiers in Valencia, Deportivo La Coruna and Atletico

League and Atletico in midtable.

Former Real Madrid captain Fernando Hierro had a standing ovation from the Bernabeu stadium crowd before the game, just one week after playing the final match of his career for English Premiership

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Spanish football league table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Barcelona	36	25	- /	4	70	26	82
Real	37	24	5	8	68	31	7
Betis	37	16	13	8	61	49	6
Villarreal	36	17	10	9	62	33	6
Sevilla	36	17	8	11	44	39	59
Espanyol	36	16	9	11	51	45	5



HE'LL BE LOVED FOR EVER: An emotion-choked former Real Madrid talisman Fernando Hierro greets the fans before the Primera Liga match between Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on May 21.

end we kept our nerve and that was

with the trophy even though we

FA Cup final success since Wenger

took charge and the Frenchman

ruefully observed: "The one we

played the best we lost (in 2001

when two late goals from Michael

Lehmann turned out to be Arsenal's

hero, making the only save of the

shoot-out, from former England

midfielder Paul Scholes, in the first

FA Cup final to be decided on penal-

ties in the tournament's 133-year

finished 12 points behind

Premiership champions Chelsea, at

least had the satisfaction of ending

the season with a trophy in what was

a repeat of the 1979 FA Cup final

which the Gunners won 3-2 at

In contrast to this year's match,

that final featured three goals in the

last five minutes, United scoring

twice, before Alan Sunderland's

Saturday's defeat for United

meant there would be no silverware

in the Old Trafford trophy cabinet

United's fans to swallow after seeing

their side beat Arsenal three times

this season, including October's 4-2

'Pizzagate' match at Old Trafford

which ended the Gunners' 49-match

English top-flight record unbeaten

It was a particularly bitter pill for

winner sealed Arsenal's victory.

Wembley.

this season.

Victory meant Arsenal, who

Germany goalkeeper Jens

Owen gave Liverpool the trophy)."

"In the end it's about going home

Arsenal's victory was their fourth

vital in the penalty shoot-out.

know we can play better."

Gunners fans rub it in

REUTERS, Cardiff

There was a trade in U.S. flags on the streets of Cardiff before Saturday's FA Cup final as Arsenal supporters chanting "USA, USA, USA" jeered Manchester United fans over the Malcolm Glazer takeover.

Rain put a damper on the peaceful protests of the United fans, many dressed predominantly in black, against the U.S. financier's purchase of their club last week Probably the last FA Cup final

to be staged in Cardiff's Millennium Stadium went off without any major trouble, with police reporting only 10 arrests for minor public order offences, two of which were inside the ground.

"A good-natured and friendly atmosphere was maintained throughout the day with one protest, which was conducted in a peaceful manner," chief superintendent Bob Evans said in a statement from South Wales Police

'There will continue to be a police presence in the city throughout the evening to ensure the safety of all those enjoying the capital's bars and restaurants."

Before the match a group of around 50 United fans who looked to have been drinking heavily began chanting the rather ominous "Let's get mental" at which South Wales Police sent an equal number of officers to surround them without intervening.

The group, on a street corner almost buried under a metal carpet of empty beer cans, then chanted the names of their favourite players, or "Argentina, Argentina" for defender Gabriel Heinze whose ankle injury put him out of the final.

Inside the stadium, which has been staging English soccer finals since the old Wembley stadium was closed down in 2001 the atmosphere before kickoff was peaceful with the colour black strongly evident among fans.

United supporters' groups nad called on fans to wear black at the match in protest at Glazer's takeover to symbolise the death of their club as they knew and loved it.

BUNDESLIGA

Schalke. Bremen In Champions League

AFP, Berlin Schalke 04 qualified for the

Champions League with a 3-2 win at SC Freiburg on Saturday helping them finish runners-up behind German champions Bayern Munich. Deposed champions Werder

Bremen join Schalke and Bayern Champions League, although they must go through the qualifying round, after a 2-1 win over Kaiserslautern clinched third

VfB Stuttgart had been third before the start of play but fell to a 3-1 home defeat against Bayern to drop into the UEFA Cup where they are joined by Hertha Berlin and Bayer Leverkusen

Look to the future our mental strength and resilience than with our usual style. But in the

Football AFP, London

Dennis Bergkamp gave Arsenal fans an extra reason to celebrate after their penalty shoot-out FA Cup final win against arch-rivals Manchester United by saying he'd be staying at Highbury for one more

The 36-year-old Dutch striker, a revered figure in his 10 years with the London club since arriving from Italian giants Internazionale, had said he was considering retiring from football altogether if the Arsenal board didn't offer him a new

But after Saturday's final, which Arsenal won 5-4 on penalties after the match was still goalless following extra-time, Bergkamp told BBC Radio: "I'll be here (next season), yes. It will be okay.' Asked if he had been offered a

contract, Bergkamp, on the field for 65 minutes before being substitituted by Freddie Ljungberg, replied: "For one year, yes." Arsenal manager Arsene

Wenger told reporters: "I feel at the beginning of the week we will sort it out but he should stay for one more

But United manager Alex Ferguson said he too had reason to be optimistic about the future of his side because of the number of relatively young players already in the team Wenger admitted Arsenal,

harried throughout by 19-year-old England striker Wayne Rooney, the man-of-the-match, and Portugal winger Cristiano Ronaldo, 20, had been lucky to win. "We were fortunate not to con-

cede in the second half because United created three or four great

"They played well. We played a bit more today not to lose because we didn't create enough going "Overall I felt we won it more with

baseliners, has impressed every-

body including former world

number one Andre Agassi, the

"His shots really look big, he

moves great, has a real versatile

forehand and seems to have one

of the best competitive spirits

that you'll see in sports," Agassi

said of the young Spaniard on

American Agassi, still going

strong at 35 and about to enter

the highlight of the clay-court

season for the 17th time, did not

ever and I'm as excited to be

competing here as I've ever

"I'm striking the ball as well as

Maria Sharapova, the

A strong run in Paris could see

Wimbledon champion, could

steal the limelight from the men

by taking top spot in Paris and a

the glamorous 18-year-old, who

has had a rousing start to the

year, become the first Russian

woman to hold the number one

second grand slam crown.

rule out his own prospects.

been," he warned.

1999 French Open champion.

"It's always disappointing to lose games but in Cup football you need

Federer's missing piece

a wee break. We've had that in the past so I understand the nature of these football matches," Ferguson

However, the Scot, whose team

needed a replay to beat non-league Conference club Exeter in the third round, admitted: "We've only ourselves to blame. It tells the story of

A quarterfinalist here last

"Being a more experienced

year, she is determined to do

player and being physically a lot

stronger makes me feel that I'll

last two weeks," she said on

"Last year, I didn't think

One of Shaparova's most

dangerous rivals is likely to be

Belgian Justine Henin-

Hardenne, the 2003 champion.

who has impressed since return-

ing to action in April after fighting

clay-court titles in succession.

The Belgian has won three

"Everybody knows this is a

special tournament for me," said

She refused, however, to be

"I still have ups and downs

Fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters,

and it will take me a few months

who lost to Henin-Hardenne in

the 2003 final, said on Saturday

she would enter the tournament

to be 100 per cent," she added.

better this year.

would last that long."

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a viral illness.

Henin-Hardenne,

considered the favourite.

despite a sore right knee.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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our whole season - we've missed too many chances."

Looking ahead, though, Ferguson added: "I think we're heading towards a new team. We've no problems age-wise apart from Roy Keane (the United captain is 34 in August) because the ones at 30 years of age and Ryan Giggs at 31 are fit lads and can play for two or three more years quite easily.

"We have young players like John O'Shea (24), Darren Fletcher (21), Rooney and Ronaldo. They'll all be here for a long time. "All the defenders are good

ages. Wes Brown is 25, Rio (Ferdinand) is 26 and Mikael Silvestre is 28 in August. Gary Neville is 30 but for a defender that's And he backed their character to

shine through next season. "The test of any manager or player is how they handle adversity. I think our club has handled that well over the years and will do so again. They are United's build-up to the Cup final

had been overshadowed by US businessman Malcolm Glazer's takeover of the club. Asked if he'd have more money

now to spend on new players. Ferguson replied: "I don't know that. When we sit down with the new owners we'll ascertain what the situation is regarding that.

"I've not met them yet, I've only spoken to them on the phone, it's early days as far as that is con-"But when we need a player we

think can improve us we try to get them," added Ferguson, 63, who said he couldn't be sure of when he would meet Glazer.

"I don't know because I'm going on holiday on the first of June and I'm not changing at my age."

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Mboma calls it a day

Football

AFP, Tokyo

Cameroon striker Patrick Mboma. the 2000 African Footballer of the Year, has bid a fond farewell to Japan where his well-travelled career gathered steam and finally ended with recurring injuries.

"If I talk about my memories of Japan, it will become a whole book," Mboma, 34, told a farewell ceremony Saturday at Kobe, the last club of his 15 professional years spent in France, Japan, Italy, England and Libya.

"I will go home with a bag full of memories," he said before cheering fans at Kobe Wing Stadium, home to the J-League's Vissel

"I want to say 'arigato' (thank you) to all the people who have supported me. I will go all-out in a new challenge," Mboma said, according to media reports.

Mboma, who scored 33 goals n 57 matches for the "Indomitable Lions" of Cameroon since his international debut in 1995, has lined up a job to support the country's national team while training himself to become a football Known for his aerial strength

and power-packed left foot, the lanky Mboma powered Cameroon to triumph at the 2000 and 2002 African Nations Cups as well as the Sydney Olympics in 2000. Mboma, who played for Gamba

Osaka in 1997 and 1998 in his first J-League stint, joined Kobe last December after a year with Tokyo He announced his retirement last week after a series of injuries,

including a damaged right thigh, which cost him dearly. He scored only two goals in 10 matches for Kobe, and none in four matches this season which

opened in March. Kobe currently

lie at the bottom of the 18-club J-

League. Mboma earned the nickname The Black Panther of Naniwa (Osaka)" when he became the top

J-League scorer with 25 goals in 28 matches for Osaka in 1997.

The prowess led Mboma to the World Cup finals at France 1998 and a contract with his first Italian Serie-A club Cagliari.

"My first goal for Gamba Osaka was the start of my career in a true sense," he said.

The farewell ceremony took place after Kobe's 1-0 loss to Omiya Omiya Ardija in a home J-League Cup match, in which he Clad in a business suit, Mboma

received bouquets from his family,

veteran Kobe striker Kazuyoshi

Miura, 38, once the Asian Footballer of the Year, and another teammate Ryuji Bando, who cried in the arms of the Cameroon star. Mboma ran around the pitch

and threw 48 autographed soccer balls in to the stands, the number representing the goals he has scored in 79 J-League matches. "I wanted to draw the curtain by

contributing to the team's victory, he said. Born in the Cameroon city of Douala, Mboma immigrated to France with his family when he

was two.

His career began in 1990 with Paris Saint-Germain. He moved to Osaka after mediocre experience in France, where he spent two years on the PSG bench, two years on loan with third division club Chateauroux and another loan spell with Metz.

After playing a defensive role at the 1998 World Cup, Mboma dazzled with 15 goals in 40

round exit from the 2002 World Cup, and spent two years at Lihva's Al Ittihad before making his J-League comeback.

tional football after scoring four goals in four matches at the 2004 African Nations Cup.

Wenger for life?

Football

Arsenal are set to offer their French manager Arsene Wenger a job for life following their FA Cup final penalty shoot out triumph over Manchester United on Saturday.

Wenger appeared to drop a hint about a possible departure from the club once the Gunners move to a new ground in 2007.

will benefit from the new stadium News of the World.

what I set out to do with Arsenal. It is only at that time when I may look to new challenges. "I do not see managing

lenge but that could change. League football is a bigger challenge. However the club's board see things differently, and vice-

the club "We have already said that we don't want him to leave and we believe if he ever gets tired of being a tracksuit manager there will be a role for him on the board

the club for a long, long time - his

ambition and desire is still with

in some capacity - technical director or whatever he wants to Dein said Wenger has been the best manager in Arsenal's history and added: "He has

transformed the club - there is no doubt about it. "It will be his decision in the end but at the moment he has got enough hunger there. He wants

to continue to win trophies for the club and long may it last." And Dein admitted that ahead of next season, the only star of the club to leave is likely to be

out-of-contract Brazilian Edu. "We do not intend to sell any one," added Dein. "We will be looking at strengthening the squad with maybe two or three

"We will be announcing today or tomorrow that Dennis Bergkamp will be signing a new one-year contract. No-one will be

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CIG KE OUZRC Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF I TOLD YOU THE TIME IS NINE FIFTY-NINE, YOU'D PROBABLY

The Cryptoguip 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.

matches over two years for Cagliari before moving to AC Parma in 2000. In mid-2002 he was loaned to English Premiership club Sunderland. He also played a part in Cameroon's disappointing first

Mboma retired from interna-

"I believe Arsene will stay with

AFP, London

The news came hours after "One day, another manager

and new team." Wenger told the "When we go to the new stadium I feel it will have completed

France as a big enough chal-

chairman David Dein told BBC radio they are hoping that Wenger will stay at the club in another capacity well beyond their move to a new home.

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Meanwhile Atletico drew 0-0 at Real Madrid in a meaningless match for both teams, with Real assured of second spot and an automatic berth into the Champions