

AFC CHALLENGE CUP Bangladesh get easy group

SPORTS REPORTER

The AFC Challenge Cup will be held from February 16-27 next year in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Eight teams—India, North Korea, Tajikistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Bangladesh—will take part in the competition.

The draw was held yesterday in Colombo. Bangladesh have been pitted in Group A along with Tajikistan, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

The winners of the AFC Challenge Cup 2010 will qualify directly for the AFC Asian Cup 2011. India won the AFC Challenge Cup in 2008.

Rossi dazzles in rally

INTERNET, undated

MotoGP world champion Valentino Rossi displayed his passion for four wheels by finishing second in the Monza rally in Italy on Sunday.

The 30-year-old, who won the non-world championship event in 2006 and 2007, drove well in his Ford Focus but was beaten by last year's champion Rinaldo Capello in a Citroen.



Did U Know?

The Scottish Cup tie between Falkirk and Inverness Thistle in 1979 was postponed no fewer than 29 times because of bad weather.



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Eric Abidal

(French defender)
"I feel really good here at Barcelona. This is the best club in the world and the longer that I'm here, the better it is for me."

After extending his contract with Barcelona which will keep him at the European champions until 2012.

Gayle won't quit captaincy

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Chris Gayle will not quit as West Indies captain but acknowledges the three-day defeat in Brisbane was "downright embarrassing". Gayle, writing a column in the Courier Mail, said he knows some critics think he is not right for the job.

"I've got a message for those people -- I'm not going anywhere," he said. "I have been chosen as captain and it's a job I will continue to do to the best of my ability. My heart is in it and I feel really strongly that I am the right man to lead the West Indies through this challenging period."

West Indies were beaten by an innings and 65 runs at the Gabba after being dismissed for 228 and 187 in the opening game of the three-match series. The second Test starts in Adelaide on Friday and the tourists will be without the fast bowler Jerome Taylor, who is due to be sent home with a back injury sustained on the opening day.

"Jerome Taylor is not available for the rest of the series," the manager Joel Garner told the Age. "We have spoken about it, and the selectors will make a determination (about a replacement)." The problem adds to the issues for West Indies

that include coming together after a long players' strike, which led to a Test series loss to Bangladesh, and an apparent preference in some of the big names for lucrative limited-overs tournaments instead of Tests. Gayle said this year he wouldn't be so sad if the five-day format died.

However, Gayle insists he has the support of his struggling squad. "A lot has been happening over the past eight months but I am not into negativity," Gayle said. "Negative energy is the last thing we need right now because we are just starting to try to regroup as a team. With my captaincy coming under fire, the really heartening thing for me is to see how I have respect from each and every one of the players in our squad. It makes my job easier to know that each individual supports me and it helps me get the best out of the players."

Gayle said the side had to be honest about its failures at the Gabba. "To lose 15 wickets in a day on a beautiful batting track is simply not good enough and there are no excuses for that," he said. "We all know where we went wrong and after thinking about it for a while and coming up with some answers we have to try to get it out of our system as quickly as possible. We can't afford to be too hard on ourselves, the Test series is still up for grabs and we have to be strong and positive if we are a chance of beating Australia."

Barath hundred goes in vain

Cricket

ANI, Melbourne

Australia defeated West Indies by an innings and 65 runs in the first Test in Brisbane within three days.

The Windies lost 15 wickets in all on Saturday to lose by an innings and 65 runs, as Australia cruised to their sixth straight win at the Gabba.

It extended their 21-year unbeaten run at the ground in Tests.

The Windies have now suffered nine straight Test losses in Australia.

Only debutant Adrian Barath, 19, could hold his head high after becoming the youngest West Indies player to score a Test century on debut.

But when he fell for a magnificent 104 in the final session on Saturday, the end was near for the tourists.

Man of the match Ben Hilfenhaus (3-20), spinner Nathan Hauritz (2-40) and

Shane Watson (2-44) helped bowl out the Windies for 187 in their second innings after Ricky Ponting enforced a surprise follow-on earlier on Saturday.

Hilfenhaus claimed the prize scalps of Chris Gayle (1) and Shivnarine Chanderpaul (2), as well as first-innings anchorman Travis Dowlin (4).

SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: First innings 480 (Kitch 92, Ponting 55, Hussey 66, Clarke 41, North 79, Haddin 38; Bravo 3-118, Benn 2-86 2)

WEST INDIES: First innings 228 (Gayle 31, Dowlin 62, Ramdin 54, Benn 28; Hilfenhaus 2-50, Johnson 3-75, Hauritz 3-17)

WEST INDIES: Second innings 187 (Barath 104, Bravo 23; Hilfenhaus 3-20, Watson 2-44, Hauritz 2-40)

Result: Australia won by an innings and 65 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Ben Hilfenhaus.

Lara awarded Order of Australia

IANS, Sydney

West Indian batting legend Brian Lara has been appointed an honorary member of the Order of Australia.

The Australian government in a statement Thursday hailed Lara's "service to Australia-Caribbean relations by promoting goodwill, friendship and sportsmanship through the sport of cricket."

"Lara has been pivotal in enabling cricket coaching workshops to be conducted for talented young cricketers," the statement says.

"By facilitating the use of Australian coaching staff locally, he has been the key to furthering a positive image of Australia in the Caribbean."

A prolific left-handed batsman, Lara holds record for the highest Test score of 400 not out. He has two triple centuries and nine double centuries to his name. The former West Indies captain had retired from international cricket in 2007.

Lara has 10,387 runs from 298 ODIs and 11,953 from 131 Tests.

The Order of Australia was instituted in 1975 "for the purpose of according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service."

Eng take 2-1 lead

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excellent support for Anderson, taking one for 15 in an unbroken spell of eight overs.

He took the key wicket of AB de Villiers, who made a century in Cape Town and was looking in good form until he was leg before to Bresnan for 22.

Alvaro Petersen, the least experienced of the South African top order, was the only batsman to shine, making 51 off 79 balls before he was the last man out. It was Petersen's third successive half-century in the series.

"We didn't assess conditions well enough this morning," said Smith. "If we had got 220 or 240 it would have been a really good target to defend. It was a disappointing performance."

Strauss survived a confident appeal for a catch behind off Morkel when he was on 12 but otherwise he and Trotter batted comfortably before Strauss fell to recalled off-spinner Johan Botha for 32.

Kevin Pietersen again failed

to find his best form. He was dropped at long leg by Morkel off Ryan McLaren before he had scored and made only three before he chipped Botha to midwicket.

Paul Collingwood failed for the first time in the series when he was caught behind off McLaren for two before Trotter and Eoin Morgan took England to victory in an unbeaten stand of 38.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between South Africa and England at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth on Sunday.

SOUTH AFRICA
Amla c Swann b Anderson 11
Smith lbw b Broad 2

De Villiers lbw b Bresnan 22
Duminy c Prior b Anderson 6

Petersen c Wright b Broad 51
Boucher b Anderson 13

McLaren c Collingwood b Anderson 0

Botha c Prior b Anderson 1
Pietersen c Strauss b Collingwood 1

Morkel lbw b Collingwood 7
Langeveldt not out 0

Extras: (w-5) 6
Total: (All out in 36.5 overs) 119

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-24, 3-35, 4-55, 5-78, 6-78, 7-84, 8-92, 9-112.

Bowler O M R W
Anderson 10 3 23 5
Broad 9.5 0 30 2

Wright 5 0 31 0
Bresnan 8 2 15 1

Collingwood 4 0 20 2

ENGLAND
Trott not out 52

Strauss lbw b Botha 32

Pietersen c De Villiers b Botha 3

Collingwood c Boucher b McLaren 2

Morgan not out 28

Extras: (lb-1, w-3) 4

Total: (For 3 wks in 31.2 overs) 121

Did not bat: Prior, Wright, Bresnan, Broad, Swann, Anderson.

Fall of wickets: 1-74, 2-80, 3-83.

Bowler O M R W
Pietersen 6 0 30 0

Langeveldt 5 1 24 0

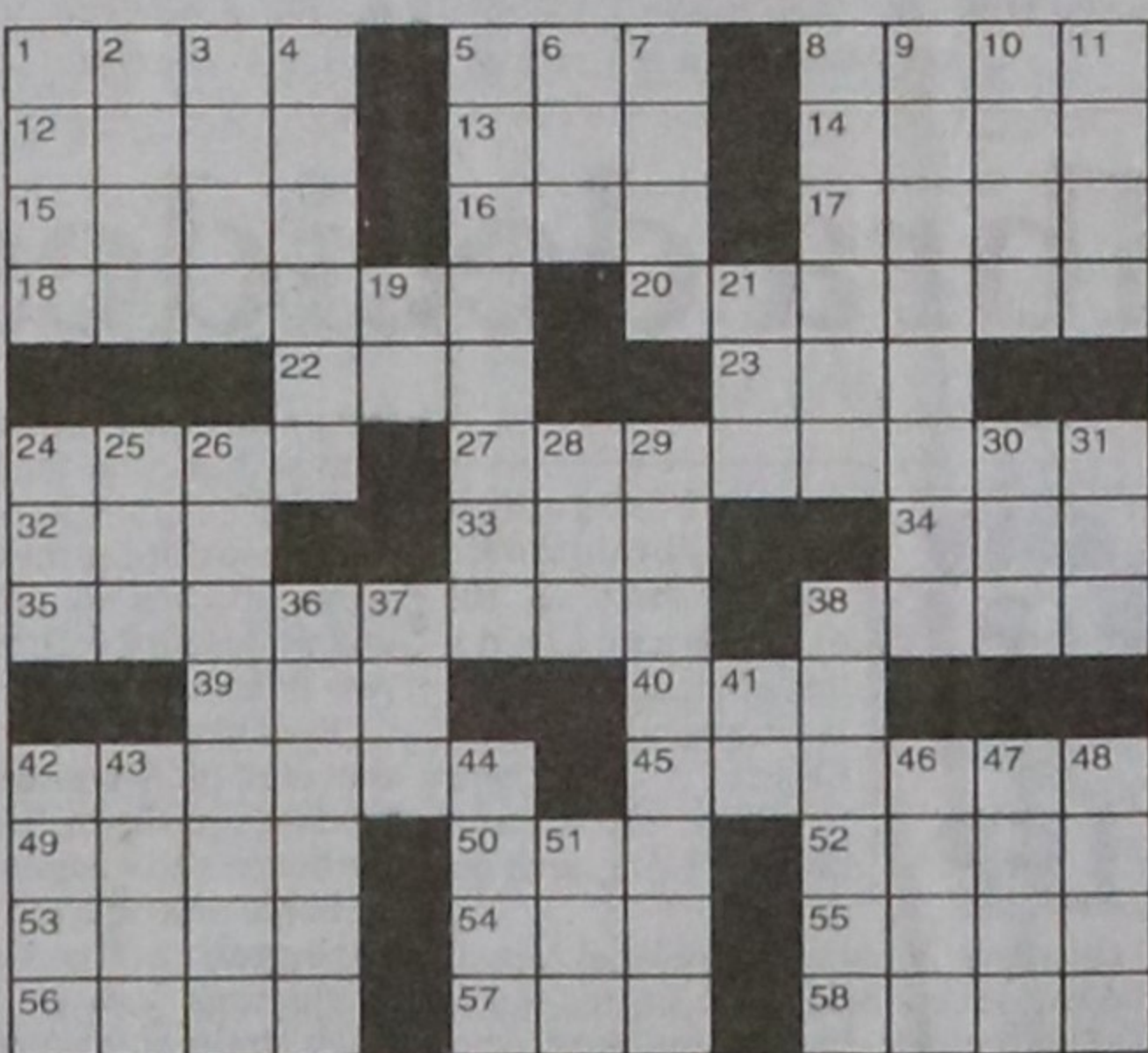
Morkel 6.2 1 19 0

McLaren 6 1 25 1

Botha 8 0 22 2

Result: England won by seven wickets.

Man-of-the-match: James Anderson.



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India win Kanpur Test

ANI, Kanpur

India's splendid performance in every department of the game fetched it a victory against Sri Lanka on the fourth day of second Test on Friday.

India knocked off the last six Sri Lankan wickets to defeat Sri Lanka by an innings and 144 runs. Sri Lanka put up 229 runs and 269 runs in the first and second innings of the match. India had scored 642 runs.

Harbhajan Singh claimed three wickets, while Pragyan Ojha got two wickets.

India lead the series one nil. Fast bowler Sreesanth was adjudged the man of the match for claiming six wickets during a 33 over spell.

Friday's victory was India's 100th Test victory.

With this win, India have joined South Africa to the top of the ICC Test rankings.

SCORES IN BRIEF

INDIA: First innings 642 (Gambhir 167, Dravid 144, Sehwaig 131; Herath 5-121)

SRI LANKA: First innings 229 (Jayawardene 47; Sreesanth 5-75)

SRI LANKA: Second innings 269 (Samarawera 78 not out, P Jayawardene 29, Muralidaran 29, Mendis 27; Harbhajan 3-98, Ojha 2-36)

Result: India won by an innings and 144 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Shathakumaran Sreesanth.

Federer ends year on top

AFP, Paris

Roger Federer has topped the ATP end-of-year world rankings for the fifth time during his career having ceded the position last year to Rafael Nadal.

The 28-year-old Swiss star, who won the French Open and Wimbledon during the summer, was world No. 1 previously from 2004 to 2007 and he is now level with Jimmy Connors and one behind the all-time best set by Pete Sampras from 1993 to 1998.

Federer has also topped the rankings for 259 weeks and is closing in on the record of 286 weeks held by Sampras.

TOPTEN

1. Roger Federer 10,550
2. Rafael Nadal 9205
3. Novak Djokovic 8310
4. Andy Murray 7030
5. Juan Martin Del Potro 6785
6. Nikolay Davydenko 4930 (+1)
7. Andy Roddick 4410 (-1)
8. Robin Soderling 3410 (+1)
9. Fernando Verdasco 3300 (-1)
10. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 2875

Interview

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Silva Dido over selection row on November 10.

Dido's stint with the BFF lasted for only eleven months.

It was learnt that the aspirant Serbian coach has already expressed his desire for long-term association with Bangladesh football.

Zoran Djordjevic guided Churchill Brothers SC to the I-League title in 2008-2009, the first foreign coach to achieve the feat. It was Churchill's first league title too.

He has coached renowned clubs such as Al-Hilal in Saudi Arabia, Fahaheel, Sahel and Khetan in Kuwait.

Salahuddin

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Dido: To be honest and frank, I feel quite happy to be heading home. I was quite optimistic at the start but I have slowly realised that this is a place where too many people work hard to do the wrong sort of things. Normally it's the other way around. It's quite impossible to make changes in this sort of an atmosphere. Today, I am gone, but another foreign coach comes in, I tell you, he will have the same complaints.

DSS: But are you satisfied with your achievements in this job? Dido: With my efforts definitely. Let me put it this way. In the whole year, I did not take a single holiday to go back to see my daughters in the Netherlands. I worked the whole year. So now, I can honestly say I am happy to be going back. So I should thank the people who worked to have me sacked. They have given me a blessing in disguise for my daughters.

Ibra decides

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Espanyol at the Vicente Calderon on Sunday.

Argentine international forward Sergio "Kun" Aguero showed why Chelsea are reportedly ready to open the chequebook wide to sign him, scoring two and creating the final goal for Maxi Rodriguez.

It was a first league win for manager Quisque Sanchez Flores and Atletico move out of the relegation zone after their worst start since 1954.

Nikolay takes ATP crown

Tennis

AFP, London

Russia's Nikolay Davydenko won the ATP World Tour Finals title Sunday with a straight sets victory over Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro at London's O2 Arena.

Last year's beaten finalist won 6-3, 6-4 in an hour and 24 minutes to claim the season-ending title, disputed among the year's top eight players.

The win meant Davydenko jumped up the rankings to finish the season as the world number six, while Del Potro remains at number five.

The 28-year-old Russian scooped 1,510,000 dollars in prize money, while the

Argentinian collected 740,000 dollars.

Davydenko's route to the crown saw him beat Australian Open champion Rafael Nadal, French Open and Wimbledon title-holder Roger Federer and US Open winner Del Potro.

Davydenko, the first Russian to win the season-ending tournament, said he was thrilled to have his name on the trophy.

He said some of the prize money would be spent in the Maldives but his target was finally owning a flat in Moscow.

Del Potro, 21, said Davydenko had played the final with the speed of a computer game character.

Both finalists finished second in their groups. In Saturday's semifinals,

Davydenko beat Swiss world number one Federer, while Del Potro defeated Sweden's Robin Soderling.

The Russian entered the match with a 2-1 overall lead on Del Potro.

The match was dominated by gutsy baseline rallies, with Davydenko making greater inroads on the Argentinian's serve and mixing up the play with drop shots.

Davydenko had a break point in the fourth when Del Potro was called for a foot fault, and won the game, leaving the Argentinian glaring at the baseline judge.

Del Potro had break point in the seventh game but Davydenko forced a deuce and converted his advantage at the second time of asking.

The Argentinian served to stay in the set at 5-2 down and though Davydenko took him to deuce, Del Potro hung on.

However, the Russian held three set points in the next game and won it when Del Potro fired long.

In the second set, Del Potro turned up the aggression and gave Davydenko a tougher fight, though it was ultimately not enough.

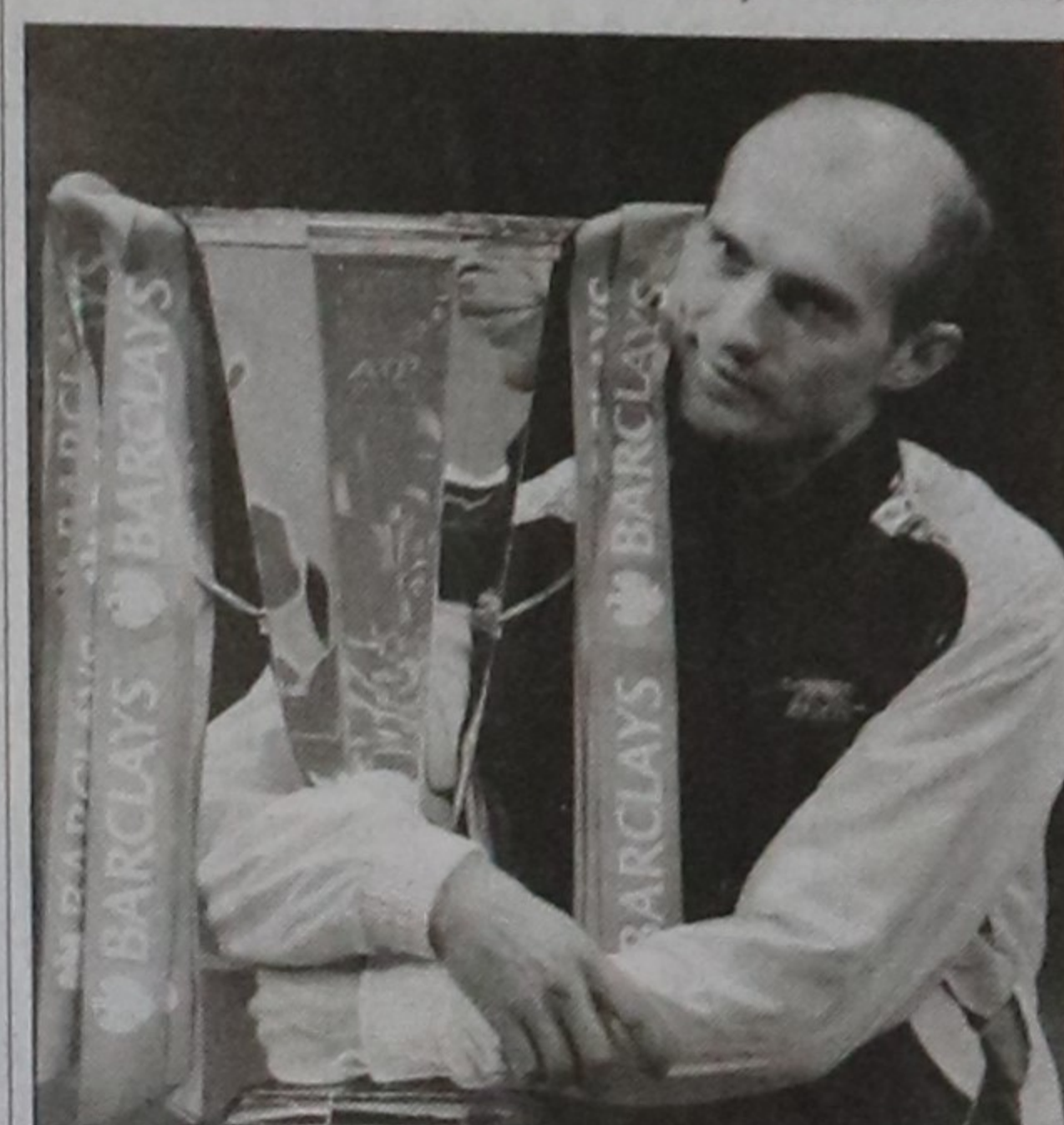
The first four games of the set went with serve.

In the fifth game, Davydenko had a break point but the Argentinian won the game on the second deuce.

Del Potro then had a break point next game but this time the Russian won on the second deuce.

At 4-4, Davydenko gained three break points and won the game when the Argentinian shot wide following a lengthy rally.

On a roll and serving for the match, Davydenko got to match point with an ace and won it when Del Potro returned a smash into the net.



Russia's Nikolay Davydenko celebrates with the trophy after beating Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina in the final of the ATP World Tour Finals in London on Sunday.

Kiwis edge Pakistan

Cricket

ANI, Dunedin

Riding on comeback star Shane Bond's brilliant match figures of eight for 153, New Zealand defeated Pakistan by 32 runs in the first Test.

Bond, who was declared Man-of-the-match, almost matched his first innings performance by claiming three wickets in the second innings.

Bond was ably supported by Iain O'Brien, three for 63, and Chris Martin, who took two for 45.

For Pakistan, it was debutant Umar Akmal who once again showed promise with the bat by top scoring with 75 runs.

Though his team lost the match, Akmal made his way

into the record books by becoming only the ninth test player to compile a century and half-century on debut.

Needing just 251 runs to win, none of the Pakistani batsmen stayed at the crease for long. Captain Mohammad Yousuf offered some resistance, but he too fell after making 41.

Former captain Shoaib Malik (32) and wicket keeper Kamran Akmal (27) tried their best to prevent the Kiwis from taking the lead in the three match series, but the harm was already done as none of the top three batsmen could even cross double figure.

The last three batsmen tried their best to avoid the inevitable for nine overs, but the difficult task was made harder by some intelligent bowling changes by Daniel Vettori, who shuffled his resources remark-

ably well making the Pakistani batsmen's task harder.

The second Test starts in Wellington on Thursday.

SCORES IN BRIEF

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 429 (Guptill 60, Taylor 94, McCullum 78, Vettori 99; Asif 4-108)

PAKISTAN: First innings 332 (U Akmal 129, K Akmal 82; Bond 5-107, Martin 3-63, Vettori 2-64)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 153 (McIntosh 31, Taylor 59, Elliott 25; Aamer 2-29, Asif 4-43, Gul 3-41)

PAKISTAN: Second innings 218 (Yousuf 41, U Akmal 75, Malik 32, K Akmal 27; Aamer 15; Bond 3-46, Martin 2-45, O'Brien 3-63, Vettori 2-51)

Result: New Zealand won by 32 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Shane Bond.

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