



South Africa batsman Hashim Amla (L) plays an exquisite flick during his century knock in the fourth ODI against West Indies at Windsor Park in Roseau on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

# Amla propels Proteas

Cricket

Hashim Amla continued in his rich vein of form, and struck his third one-day international hundred to help South Africa shake off 'dead-rubber syndrome', and win the fourth ODI against West Indies by seven wickets on Sunday.

Amla collected nine fours and two sixes in another sublime innings of 129 from 115 balls, as the South Africans, chasing 304 for victory from their allocation of 50 overs, reached their target from the very last ball in a thrilling finish at Windsor Park.

Amla reached his second hundred from 94 balls, when he guided a delivery from West Indies captain Chris Gayle, bowling his uncomplicated off-spin, to third man for three in the 30th over.

He shared 59 for the first wicket with the Proteas' captain Graeme Smith, 178 for the second wicket with Jacques Kallis, and 46 for the third wicket with AB de Villiers that anchored the visitors to victory.

"It was a great effort from us to chase over 300 runs, and we have to look at the positives from this performance," said Smith.

"Hashim's knock was an incredible innings, and the rest of the guys batted around him very, very well. But I think he

must take the credit for a great run chase.

"We would have loved to have finished the game more comfortably in the last over, and maybe we got a bit conservative there in the end. But we successfully chased over 300 on a second game pitch, and we are happy."

When Amla was dismissed, South Africa needed 80 from 76 balls, and JP Duminy joined de Villiers to carry them the rest of the way in an unbroken stand of 80 for the fourth wicket.

In a dramatic finale however, the South Africans needed one run from the last delivery, following a sensational final over from Dwayne Bravo in which he conceded a single to de Villiers off the first ball, a leg bye to Duminy from the next, and then bowled three dot-balls.

De Villiers however, formalised the result, when he swung the final delivery through mid-wicket, where Darren Sammy fumbled it, and then missed a throw at the bowler's end, as the batsman scrambled to make his ground.

The victory handed the Proteas a 4-0 lead in the five-match series, after they won the rain-marred opening match by 66 runs, under the Duckworth-Lewis Method, two Saturdays ago at the Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua, where they also won the second ODI by 17 runs last Monday, and the third ODI by 67 runs last Friday at this venue.

The series concludes this coming

Thursday at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad & Tobago, where the visitors will be chasing a second successive ODI series sweep in the Caribbean.

Gayle was obviously, very disappointed by the result, although it came down to the very last ball of the match.

"Credit must go to Bravo for the way he bowled the final over," he said.

"But to get 300 runs, and lose was not good.

"We should have scored at least 30 or 40 more runs based on the start that Dale [Richards] and I gave the team, but we were very disappointing in the middle overs again, too many dot balls."

He added: "But South Africa are in good batting form right now, and they took the game away from us. We also missed a few catches, and this is the inconsistency. At times, we do well with the bat, and then turn up and do something completely different with the ball. "I am very disappointed, and feel heartbroken for our fans, who turned up in their numbers for this match."

### SCORES IN BRIEF

WEST INDIES: 303 for 6 in 50 overs (Chanderpaul 66, Richards 59, Darren 45; Tsotsobe 2-48, Langeveldt 2-59)  
SOUTH AFRICA: 304 for 4 in 50 overs (Amla 129, De Villiers 57 not out, Kallis 51; Bravo 1-41, Pollard 1-58)  
Result: South Africa won by 7 wickets.  
Man-of-the-match: Hashim Amla.

## Tamim does a Slater... & a Lara

INTERNET

It was Michael Slater who first dispensed with decorum at Lord's when, in 1993, he punched the air and kissed the crest of his Australia helmet after reaching his maiden Test hundred.

Tamim Iqbal carried that exuberance an extra yard or 20.

Having cavorted through the nineties in a calculated assault on Tim Bresnan, he secured Bangladesh's first Test century at the home of cricket with a dismissive smack back over the bowler's head, whereupon he hurtled almost to within touching distance of the dressing-room balcony, and pointed to the back of his shirt as if to tell his teammates to get on with the business of sticking his name up on the honours-board.

Clearly, in his excitement, Tamim forgot that his name only appears on his back in ODI and Twenty20 contests, but after racking up a sublime century from 94 deliveries, he might as well have been playing limited-overs.

There were so many to choose from, most of them audacious and nearly all of them impeccably timed, but nothing confirmed the presence of a rare talent quite like the short-arm pull with which Tamim rifled Steven Finn through midwicket for four.

The shot was the third of three fours in a row, and whereas the first two were based entirely on bravado -- a bludgeoning drive and a streaky edge -- this was an emphatic stamp of class.

The ball was short and rose steeply, but Tamim rocked back with his weight perched daintily on one leg, a la Brian Lara, and all that remained was for the fielders to whistle in admiration.

### LOCAL SNIPPETS

FROM PAGE 17 Bangladesh took part in the double round-robin league system tournament.

### KOREA TO GIVE COACHES

The government of the Republic of Korea showed interest to provide a few coaches to different disciplines as part of its support to develop sports in Bangladesh through the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

Hee Jin Hong, coordinator of Korean Organiser for Volunteers of KOICA, informed about KOICA's interest after having met with Bangladesh Olympic Association CEO retired Col. M Wali Ullah yesterday.

A BOA press release said that the KOICA would make arrangement to send a football coach immediately for two years and at the same time, they would create opportunity to provide shooting, archery, badminton and table tennis coaches.

# Astle against dual role

Cricket

CRICINFO

Former New Zealand batsman Nathan Astle feels captain Daniel Vettori should step down as a national selector because that responsibility could create a sense of insecurity among his teammates. Astle fears the team spirit may be affected if the captain has a major say in selection, and added that if Vettori gave up that role, it would allow him to focus on his job as the team's leading strike bowler, and captain.

"He's capable but deep down I think it is too much to take on. Being captain means you take on a certain role and while he should definitely have an input, he shouldn't be a selector," Astle told the New Zealand Herald. "You want your teammates to be able to discuss things. Players won't do that if they think it might hinder their selection."

Former New Zealand wicketkeeper Warren Lees was also concerned that Vettori's role as a spinner may become redundant if he puts the team's concerns before his own. Vettori is currently the second-highest wicket-taker for New Zealand, behind Richard Hadlee, with 325 wickets. "If he's a good captain, there's a risk he won't get the most out of himself as a bowler because he'll spend the whole time

thinking of others," Lees said. "He might need to be more selfish."

The former players also discussed another vital member of the New Zealand side, Brendon McCullum, whose dual role as a wicketkeeper-batsman in all forms of the game has been debated of late. McCullum, who gave up the gloves in Twenty20 internationals to focus on batting alone, isn't sure whether he will follow suit in Tests and ODIs. He said he would take a decision in the coming months on the best way to preserve himself for New Zealand.

Astle felt McCullum should give up keeping because New Zealand needed him as a batsman to shore up an inexperienced batting order. "Giving up the keeping should allow him more time to work on his batting. From what I've seen, it's not that he doesn't want to do it but it's more of a physical thing and he's looking for longevity in the game," Astle said. "I think some people have been too quick to judge."

Lees, however, felt New Zealand couldn't afford to lose him as a keeper. "We don't know how bad his back is. I was surprised coach Mark Greatbatch did not originally know about that," he said. "We are a weak team and need Brendon keeping to have the balance to beat the best in world."

# Novak crawls to last 4

AFP, Paris



Third-seeded Serbian Novak Djokovic reached the French Open quarterfinals on Monday with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 win over America's Robby Ginepri, reeling off 12 of the last 15 games.

Djokovic will now tackle Jurgen Melzer, who ended Russian qualifier Teimuraz Gabashvili's run with a 7-6 (8/6), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 win to become the first Austrian to make the last eight since former champion Thomas Muster in 1998.

The 23-year-old Djokovic, a semifinalist in 2007 and 2008, had won all of his four previous meetings with world number 98 Ginepri, who had reached this stage after putting out 2003 champion Juan Carlos Ferrero in the third round.

He broke in the 10th game to take the opening set before Ginepri, the last American player in the men's singles, hit back to level with breaks in the third and seventh games of the second.

But that was as good as it got for Ginepri, a former US Open semifinalist, as Djokovic dictated the remainder of the tie.

Ginepri, a former world 15, had squeezed into the main draw in Paris after enduring a traumatic year which had brought him just win on the tour and no success at all on clay.

After losing in a Bordeaux Challenger four weeks ago, the 27-year-old American then lost both matches he played at the World Team Cup in Dusseldorf.

He then had to hire a van to reach Paris accompanied by compatriot Sam Querrey who he defeated in the first round here.

The 27-year-old Ginepri said he will now head for the grasscourt season buoyed by his performances in the French capital.

"I was feeling good even after losing the first set, I thought I was dictating the rallies," said the American.

"In the third, I got broken straightaway, I took my foot off the gas and he stepped it up. He was hitting the ball deeper and it seemed that anything he tried it worked."

Meanwhile, 22nd seed Melzer ended the run of world number 114 Gabashvili, the Georgian-born Russian who put out American sixth seed Andy Roddick in the third round.

Gabashvili, who hadn't won back-to-back matches on the tour all year before Roland Garros, was hoping to be the first qualifier to reach the quarter-finals since Uruguay's Marcelo Filippini in 1999.

But Melzer, the oldest man left in the draw at 29, triumphed in five minutes short of three hours with Gabashvili's 45 unforced errors to his opponent's 27 proving decisive.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates after winning his fourth round match against Robby Ginepri of the United States at Roland Garros yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

## Brazil conquer

FROM PAGE 17 the Germans ahead from the spot before the bald head of Jordan Letchkov dived in to head the ball for an improbable winner.

Perhaps that Herculean effort was too much for the Bulgars as, in the semifinal, Roberto Baggio tore them apart -- Stoichkov's penalty to make it 2-1 made the game look closer than it was. Similarly, the Swedes were outclassed in a dull semifinal with Brazil. A lone Romario strike was enough to take his team through.

After what had been a vastly entertaining tournament, it was sad that the final was such a drab affair, even surpassing the horror show of 1990. Both Romario and Baggio played with injuries and their talents were consequently dulled, with both missing good opportunities. Though Brazil played the more attacking football, Italy defended well, with Franco Baresi outstanding. Despite a thrilling cameo from mysterious Brazil substitute Vieri, extra-time petered out and penalties would, sadly, decide which side won the World Cup for a record fourth time.

Baresi and Marco Santos both missed and, after an exchange of two successful kicks, Daniele Massaro's poor effort was saved by Claudio Taffarel. After Dunga had given Brazil the substitute Vieri, extra-time petered out and penalties would, sadly, decide which side won the World Cup for a record fourth time.

## Federer tips

FROM PAGE 17 European Championships was fantastic," said Federer. "Obviously with a point we will be very happy. I don't know if they can play outright aggressive, because you also want to get into the tournament, and that could be our chance."

"We hope to get through the knockout stages and into the last 16 or quarters, I'm not sure. We'll see. We're excited. We're at the World Cup, and everybody's got a chance once you're there."

# Basso wins Giro d'Italia

Cycling

INTERNET

Italy's Ivan Basso won his second Giro d'Italia after avoiding any mishaps on the final time trial in Verona.

The Italian Liquigas rider, winner in 2006 before a two-year ban for attempted doping, finished 15th behind Gustav Erik Larsson in the concluding 15km individual time trial through the ancient streets of Verona.

"It's a fantastic day for me," Basso, said after finishing his 87 hours 44 minutes and one second journey.

"The Giro has been spectacular and uncertain and the fans have enjoyed themselves. I thank my team who have been exceptional. It's been really difficult."

Roared on by throngs of compatriots who lined the route through the city of Romeo and Juliet, Basso reaffirmed his love for the world's second biggest stage race by unleashing a huge

smile as he crossed the line.

The 32-year-old then entered Verona's Arena, one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world, to be greeted by thousands more screaming fans and his two small children.

There he went up a specially-constructed pink carpet to claim his pink winner's jersey and complete a cycling resurrection few other drug-haunted riders have managed.

With top names Alberto Contador and Lance Armstrong skipping the Giro to concentrate on July's Tour de France, Basso kept himself well-positioned before snatching the leader's jersey off unheralded Spaniard David Arroyo with two stages to go.

Some exceptional performances in the mountains meant he finished 1 minute 51 seconds in front of second-placed Arroyo of Caisse d'Epargne and 2:37 ahead of teammate Vincenzo Nibali overall.

Australian world champion Cadel Evans was fifth while Vinokourov leaptfrogged young Australian Richie Porte for sixth place.

# Finn finishes

FROM PAGE 17

Junaed had, like Tamim, made a first innings fifty.

But there was to be no second innings hundred.

The left-hander drove too soon at a clever Finn slower ball and was caught at mid-off by Tim Bresnan for 74 to end nearly four-and-a-quarter hours of resistance.

Bangladesh's collapse continued when Mushfiqur was caught behind off Finn for nought.

Finn, after a spell of three wickets for 21 runs in eight overs, was replaced by Bresnan.

And the Yorkshire paceman wrapped up the innings by dismissing Rubel Hossain and Mahmudullah with the aid of catches by Strauss, at first slip, and wicketkeeper Matt Prior respectively.

Bresnan finished with three for 93 from 26.2 overs.

Bangladesh were bowled out for 282 in their first innings, senior paceman James Anderson leading the attack with four for 78 in the absence of the rested Stuart

Broad.

England's first innings saw Shahadat beat Tamim to a place on the honours boards with five wickets for 98 runs.

The second and final Test of this series starts at Old Trafford on Friday.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the first Test between England and Bangladesh at Lord's in London on Monday: ENGLAND: First innings 505 (Trott 226, Strauss 83; Shahadat 5-98) BANGLADESH: First innings 282 (Junaed 58, Tamim 55; Anderson 4-78, Finn 4-100)

BANGLADESH: Second innings (overnight 328-5) Tamim c Trott b Finn 103 Kayes c Bell b Finn 75

Junaed c Bresnan b Finn 74 Jahurul c and b Trott 46 Ashraf c Prior b Anderson 21 Shahadat b Bresnan 20 Shakib c Morgan b Finn 16 Mushfiqur c Prior b Finn 0 Mahmudullah c Prior b Bresnan 19 Rubel c Strauss b Bresnan 4 Robiul not out 24 Extras: (b-7, lb-14, w-2, nb-1)

Total: (All out in 110.2 overs) 382 Fall of wickets: 1-185, 2-189, 3-289, 4-321, 5-322, 6-347, 7-354, 8-361, 9-381

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	29	8	84	1
Bresnan	26	9	93	3
Finn	24	6	87	5
Swann	27	5	81	0
Trott	4	0	16	1

ENGLAND: Second innings Strauss c Mushfiqur b Shakib 82 Cook lbw b Mahmudullah 23 Pietersen not out 16 Extras: (lb-5, w-1, nb-6) 12 Total: (For 2 wkt in 35.1 overs) 163 Did not bat: Bell, Morgan, Prior, Bresnan, Swann, Anderson, Finn

Fall of wickets: 1-67, 2-147

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shahadat	2	0	19	0
Robiul	1	0	12	0
Shakib	16	1	48	1
Rubel	1	0	8	0
Mahmudullah	15	1	71	1

Result: England won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Steven Finn.

Toss: Bangladesh.

Umpires: Billy Bowden and Asoka de Silva.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Parisian pals  
12 Prepare Easter eggs  
13 Help a hood  
14 Aching  
15 Raze  
17 No mere prank  
18 Pussycat's partner  
19 Cause for revolution  
21 Hosts  
24 "Pink Panther" actor  
25 Ever-green variety  
26 Jerry's pursuer  
28 Moistened with drops  
32 Snare  
34 Violinist's need  
36 Ms. Moore  
37 Arrangement

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1 Peculiar  
2 Caustic solution  
3 Barack Obama, e.g.  
4 Billfold  
5 Japanese sash  
6 Third piece?  
7 — alcohol  
8 Guilt-ridden  
9 July 1969 landing site  
10 Dr. Seuss' "If — the Zoo"  
11 Alluring  
16 Have debts  
20 Filch  
21 Small salamanders  
22 Spongy terrain  
23 Weep loudly  
27 Broom closet item  
29 Loss of a stripe  
30 Eastern bigwig  
31 Skater  
33 Creamy dessert  
35 Kids' card game  
38 Luau bowlful  
40 Famed operatic trio  
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54 Last letter  
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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT DID THE "STAR TREK" OFFICER USE TO GET POWER THROUGH HIS ELECTRICAL CORD? A SPOCK PLUG.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals T