

# WI win by a whisker

**Cricket**

AFP, Bridgetown

Mohammad Hafeez's second career hundred was upstaged by rain and a blistering 76 from Lendl Simmons that condemned Pakistan to a one-run defeat under the Duckworth-Lewis Method in the fourth one-day international on Monday.

Pakistan were left to nurse their wounds, when the inclement weather that has dogged this island over the last week interrupted, as West Indies were chasing a revised target of 223 from 39 overs.

For the West Indies it ended a run of eight straight defeats in this format of the game by Pakistan and a recent run of six successive defeats against all opposition.

A short ball from Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi was swung high over mid-wicket for six by Dwayne Bravo to formally carry West Indies to 154 for four -- the exact total they required -- from 29.5 overs under the D/L Method to claim their first victory of the series.

Pakistan lead the five-match series 3-1 with the final ODI to be played on Thursday at the Guyana National Stadium.

Pakistan had stumbled, after Hafeez struck seven fours and three sixes in the

top score of 121 from 138 deliveries, and shared a century second-wicket stand with Asad Shafiq to lead the visitors to 248 for nine from their allocation of 50 overs.

After the Pakistanis were sent into bat on a hard, true Kensington Oval pitch under overcast skies, Hafeez anchored the batting, and reached his milestone from 128 balls with a flick through mid-wicket for a single off Ravi Rampaul in the 42nd over.

He added 153 for the second wicket with Shafiq, whose 71 from 102 balls contained four boundaries, before leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo continued to bowl impressively, taking three for 37 from his allotment of 10 overs to trigger a batting collapse.

The visitors lost their way in the last 10 overs, losing seven wickets for 66 runs, to slide from a comfortable 182 for two, with Dwayne Bravo taking two for 60 from his 10 overs, Kumar Roach two for 67 from 10 overs, and two runs outs helping to undermine them.

Junaid Khan set West Indies back early, when he had makeshift opener Kirk Edwards caught behind for a first-ball duck in the second over.

But Pakistan were put on their heels, when Darren Bravo joined compatriot Simmons, and they put on 56 for the second wicket with a volley of strokes.

Tanvir Ahmed was the target for some special treatment from Bravo and Simmons, when they smote three fours and one six from his fourth over.

Khan made the breakthrough, when Bravo was caught at third man for 21, but Ramnaresh Sarwan, making a return to the side for the first time since losing his place following the World Cup, kept the momentum going with 28 in a stand of 75 with Simmons.

Hafeez showed his all-round ability, when he had Sarwan caught at long-off for 28 in the 25th over before Tanvir gained his revenge on Simmons, when the West Indies opener was caught on the cover boundary in the next over to leave the home team 135 for four.

Pakistan's bowlers tried to tie down the West Indies pair of the elder Bravo and Marlon Samuels, but they failed, and West Indies could celebrate a victory at long last.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**PAKISTAN:** 248 for 9 in 50 overs (Hafeez 121, Shafiq 71, Tanvir 18; Roach 2-67, Bravo 2-60, Bishoo 3-37)

**WEST INDIES:** 154 for 4 in 29.5 overs (Simmons 76, Bravo 21, Sarwan 28; Junaid 2-26)

**Result:** West Indies won by one run (D/L Method)

**Man-of-the-match:** Mohammad Hafeez.



PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan batsman Mohammad Hafeez unleashes a pull shot en route to an excellent 121 in the fourth ODI against West Indies at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown on Monday.

## Butt extends, Kraft to leave

AFP, Munich

Bayern Munich's veteran goalkeeper Hans-Jorg Butt has signed a contract extension until 2012, while reserve keeper Thoams Kraft is set to leave at the end of the season.

Bayern have admitted they are trying to sign Schalke 04's German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, who has told the Royal Blues he will not extend his contract which expires in 2012, but Munich are eager to keep Butt for one more season.

Butt, who turns 37 at the end of the month, was due to finish his contract in June, but has been offered an extension at the request of Bayern's new coach Jupp Heynckes, who arrives from Leverkusen at season's end.

Having won four caps for Germany, Butt had twice been used as back up in Munich, only to take over as first-choice goalkeeper.

He was demoted to the bench in January by former coach Louis van Gaal when Kraft was given his chance, but Butt was re-instated last month after Van Gaal was sacked at the start of March.

Kraft, 22, has been on Bayern's bench ever since and is reported to be in talks with second division Hertha Berlin, who won promotion back to the Bundesliga last week.

Schalke and Bayern are reported to be negotiating Neuer's transfer, with the Rhur valley club said to be wanting 20 million euros for the star goalkeeper while Bayern are said to want to pay no more than 14 million euros.

## Toprak moves to Leverkusen

AFP, Leverkusen

German youth international defender Omer Toprak signed a five year contract with Bundesliga highflyers Bayer Leverkusen from Freiburg on Monday.

The 21-year-old - who almost had to retire in 2009 after a serious karting accident - follows coach Robin Dutt there as the latter replaces Bayern Munich-bound Jupp Heynckes.

Dutt will replace veteran Finnish central defender Sami Hyypia, who announced he was retiring earlier on Monday.

Bayer Leverkusen saw their slim chances of winning the title disappear on Sunday when they surprisingly lost to relegation-threatened Cologne and Borussia Dortmund beat Nuremberg to assure themselves of the championship.

They still remain favourites to finish second as with two matches remaining they lead last season's champions Bayern Munich by five points.

# Kochi win after long

INTERNET, New Delhi



Kochi Tuskers Kerala bounced back in two days to outplay Delhi Daredevils by seven wickets in their away match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) at the Ferrozshah Kotla on Monday.

Both the teams badly needed a win to stay in contention in the tournament but it was the Tuskers who rose to the occasion and recorded their first win in four matches.

The visitors first restricted the Daredevils to 140 for six on a good batting surface and chased down the target in only 15 overs. Brendon McCullum provided the explosive start, slamming 37 off 19 balls while Parthiv Patel (37 not out) and Brad Hodge (24 not out) completed the chase.

Prasanth Parameswaran (2-29), who had played only six first class games before making his IPL debut with the Tuskers Monday, was the pick of the bowlers. His two-wicket haul included the prized scalp of opposition captain Virender Sehwag (15).

Tuskers, who suffered a 38-run defeat to Daredevils in their home game Saturday, now have eight points from nine matches and are at sixth place in the points table. Things look tougher for Daredevils after their fifth loss at home in six attempts. They are eighth in the table after nine matches and will now need to win all their five remaining games to advance through to the next stage.

The Tuskers found home away from home a wicket that was prepared to suit the Daredevils. After bowling well on a true

surface, the Tuskers raced to 61 in the first five overs of their chase. They stuttered in the next five as they lost three wickets for 29 runs. But Hodge and Patel made sure that there were no further blips.

The Daredevils, put in to bat, suffered a major blow in the second over as little known Parameswaran sent Sehwag packing off the third ball of his spell. The dangerous opener, after hitting Parameswaran for a six off his very first ball, edged a wide one to be caught behind by Patel.

The Delhi franchise has so far relied heavily on the opening pair of Sehwag and Warner (13) for winning their games but that ended when the latter mistimed a pull off a skiddy S. Sreesanth (1-24) delivery. And when Naman Ojha (13) was caught behind off R.P. Singh, the home side was left reeling at 43 for three in the seventh over.

Venugopal Rao (40) and Yogesh Nagar (18) forged a 54-run stand for the fourth wicket but expectedly the run rate took a beating while resurrecting the ship and they departed while trying to increase the scoring rate.

Travis Birt (27) provided a late flourish with some innovative stokes and took the team to a respectable total but victory still eluded the Daredevils.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**DELHI DAREDEVILS:** 140-6 in 20 overs (Rao 40, Brit 27; Kumar 2-25, Parameswaran 2-29)

**KOCHI TUSKERS KERALA:** 141-3 in 15 overs (McCullum 37, Patel 37 not out, Hodge 24 not out)

**Result:** Kochi Tuskers Kerala won by seven wickets.

# Stosur sails into Rd 3

Tennis

AFP, Madrid

Australian Samantha Stosur moved into the third round of the ATP-WTA Madrid Masters on Tuesday, defeating Daniela Hantuchova for the second time in a fortnight on red clay.

The fifth seed came through 7-6 (7/1), 7-5 winner in a second round match which was almost interrupted by a huge thunderclap in the skies over the Caja Magica. The noise caught Hantuchova off-guard, with the flinching Slovak asking to stop play.

But with Stosur closing in on victory, the match went ahead, with the French Open finalist advancing on her second match point in just under two hours of play moments later.

Stosur lifted her clay record in 2011 to 6-2 as she closes in on her career-best in Madrid, a quarter-final last year. She next faces the winner from French 11th seed Marion Bartoli and Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

"We always have tough matches," Stosur

said after claiming victory with 24 winners and 28 unforced errors. "We know each other's game very well."

"It was a tough match and I'm glad to get through. I was ready to play a third set if it had gone to that. I just tried to stay in the moment and play each point as it came."

"My game if feeling good on clay, in fact I've had some of my best matches this season on the red clay. I'm feeling very good and hope to keep going like this."

Czech 16th seed Petra Kvitova also advanced 6-3, 6-3 past South African Chanelle Scheepers as Bethanie Mattek-Sands hammered fellow American Vania King 6-0, 6-2.

In men's play, German Florian Mayer, losing finalist on Sunday in Munich to Nikolay Davydenko, upset Serb 16th seed Viktor Troicki 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 in their first round tie while Kevin Anderson of South Africa defeated Belgian Olivier Rochus 6-2, 6-4.

Anderson will next test undefeated 27-0 second seed Novak Djokovic in the second round.

## SA Academy win

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patient 65-ball 30 while Munna made 24 off 45 balls.

Viljoen was chosen as the man-of-the-match as he took three wickets for 52 runs in addition to his unbeaten 34 in the end. Apart from Viljoen, pacemen Dane Paterson and Machand de Lange and left-arm spinner Simetu took two wickets each.

Two Twenty20 matches will be played between the two sides on May 5 and 6 respectively, at the same venue.

### BRIEF SCORES

**GP-BCB NCA:** 181 all out in 49.1 overs (Nasir 42, Mithun 30, Sanjamul 30; Viljoen 3-52).

**SOUTH AFRICA CA:** 184-8 in 49.1 overs (Hendricks 49, Botha 42, Viljoen 34 not out; Noor 3-41).

**Result:** South Africa CA won by two wickets and won the series 2-1.

**Man-of-the-match:** Hardus Viljoen.

## Flower renews

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"We have made no secret of our determination to become the number one side in the world and challenge for global titles and I feel we have been making steady progress."

"I firmly believe we have the talent amongst the playing squad and management team to help us realise our ambitions and am looking forward to testing ourselves against quality opposition this summer and beyond."

England have three Tests against Sri Lanka followed by a four-Test series against India, now led by former England coach Duncan Fletcher.

## WINDIES TESTS Younis, Gul recalled by Pakistan

PTI, Karachi

Former captain Younis Khan and fast bowler Umar Gul have returned to the Pakistan cricket squad for the two-match Test series against the West Indies, starting next week.

Senior batsman Misbahul Haq, who has shown terrific form in the ongoing one-day series in the Caribbean, has been retained as captain for the series.

Chief selector Mohsin Khan announced the 15-member squad after a meeting of the selection committee, in which performance of the players in the ongoing one-day series against the West Indies was also discussed.

In an unexpected decision, the selectors retained wicketkeeper Mohammad Salman, although Adnan Akmal, the younger brother of Kamran, was expected to be called up for the series.

Salman was sent to the West Indies for the ODI series as a rookie player but impressed the selectors after his debut.

## Yuvi happy

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The southpaw from Bengal had backed Yuvraj to the hilt as India skipper and for the Punjab lad, it's payback time now.

"I share a very good rapport with Sourav."

# Pak team selection kicks up a row

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Former Pakistan cricketers Tuesday lashed out at the team selection for the forthcoming two-Test series against the West Indies, while leg-spinner Danish Kaneria accused authorities of ignoring him.

Pakistan on Monday named a 15-man squad for the series in the Caribbean, ignoring Kaneria and Kamran Akmal and axing wicketkeeper Adnan Akmal.

The selection committee gave no reason for dropping the three players but Pakistani media reported that Kaneria did not get clearance from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), while Kamran was dropped for his poor performance in the World Cup.

Kaneria, the subject of a criminal investigation in England last year over allegations that he was involved in spot-fixing in a Pro40 county match between Essex and Durham in 2009, but later cleared, expressed anger.

"I can't understand why they have dropped me after I was cleared by the Essex police and that letter of clearance has been submitted to the PCB," Kaneria told AFP.

"I have submitted whatever details I had... but now no board official picks up my phone and no answer is given to me," added the 30-year-old bowler, who has taken 261 wickets in 61 Tests -- the most by a Pakistani spinner.

"I have served my country for over 10 years and don't deserve such treatment. When no charges were levelled against me and police cleared me, then why the PCB is treating me like this?"

A former chief selector, Salahuddin Ahmed, said the PCB had displayed double standards in not selecting Kaneria.

"The PCB had said Kamran, Shoab Malik

and Kaneria needed clearance but they selected Kamran for the World Cup and excluded Malik and Kaneria.

"This time they didn't take both Kamran and Kaneria. I think Kaneria is a world class spinner and deserved a place in the Tests," said Ahmed.

All three of those players were summoned before a PCB "integrity committee" in January, after which only Kamran was given clearance. The committee was formed on the advice of the International Cricket Council following the spot-fixing scandal in England last year.

Ahmed described other choices as unjust.

"The members of this selection committee don't go to the grounds and judge players on their own and they also hide from coming in front of the press to give reasons for selection, simply because they are murdering merit every time," he said.

Another former chief selector, Iqbal Qasim, said Pakistan's selections had been inconsistent.

"After his brilliant wicket-keeping in New Zealand where he took eight catches in a Test last year, Adnan deserved a place in the Test team. It is total injustice against a youngster," Qasim said.

"I don't know what type of rebuilding they (selectors) talk about when they eliminated a deserving youngster."

Former leg-spinner Abdul Qadir also attacked the selectors, saying they must explain Adnan's omission.

"Ignoring a youngster who has performed well behind the stumps is an injustice," said Qadir, another former chief selector, who resigned over interference in selection in 2009.

Pakistan play the first of two Tests in Guyana from May 12. The second Test starts in St. Kitts from May 20.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** IF A GROUP OF HOGS PLAYED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL, WOULD YOU SAY THEY WERE IN THE PIG LEAGUES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals I