Voges ensures clean sweep

Cricket

AFP, *Melbourne*

Australia bowled out West Indies for 257 to secure a 17-run victory and a 5-0 whitewash in their one-day international series on Sunday, thanks to a century from stand-in Adam Voges.

West Indies had looked on target to chase down a 275-run target at the MCG when Johnson Charles struck his maiden century to match Voges, who scored a magnificent unbeaten 112.

PHOTO: INTERNET

Australia batsman Adam Voges celebrates his maiden century against the West Indies in the one-dayer at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday.

The West Indian opener struck a boundary to bring up his 100 off 120 balls including eight fours and a six.

But he fell next ball, caught by Ben Cutting at square leg playing a poor shot to Clint McKay. He had ridden his luck, surviving two dropped catches and two television reviews.

After that West Indian wickets fell regularly as the required run rate soared and they were forced to hit out.

Captain Darren Sammy had a late chance to guide the tourists to the target but he was caught behind by Brad Hadddin off McKay for 23 off 18 balls.

West Indies still needed 18 runs off five balls and it proved too much.

Opener Kieran Powell had been the first to go, caught in the slips by Aaron Finch off paceman Mitchell Johnson for just two.

Darren Bravo managed 33 in a partnership of 106 with Charles before all-rounder James Faulkner held a fine low catch off Xavier Doherty's finger spin.

Brother Dwayne had made 13 when Johnson clean-bowled him with a late inswinger.

After Charles went, Narsingh Deonarine was out for four, caught Haddin bowled Cutting. Devon Thomas smashed 19 off 18 balls but was run out by Shaun Marsh.

Big-hitting Kieron Pollard, who made a century in Sydney on Friday, holed out for 45, caught by Finch at long on off Faulkner.

Voges, batting at number five, had earlier steadied the Australian innings after a disastrous start and went on to complete his ton off 98 balls.

The 33-year-old was only drafted into the side on Friday to replace the injured George Bailey, but he played the star role despite being a fringe player in the six years since he made his debut.

West Indies had the home side at 2 for 2 wickets as Tino Best cleaned up the openers, but they let Australia off the hook and went for 100 runs in the final 10 overs.

When Voges came to the wicket they were three for 63 and a high total looked unlikely with skipper Michael Clarke also on the injured list following more hamstring trouble. But only two more wickets fell.

Voges showed his domestic high-scoring feats were no fluke, cracking a six to bring up a 100 partnership with fellow veteran Brad Haddin.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

Watson b Best	0
Finch c Narine b Best	1
Hughes c Pollard b Dwayne	29
Marsh c Thomas b Dwayne	40
Voges not out	112
Haddin c Powell b Roach	43
Faulkner not out	31
Extras: (lb-9, w-7, nb-1, b-1)	18
Total: (For five wkts in 50 overs)	274

Did not bat: Johnson, Cutting, McKay, Doherty

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-2, 3-63, 4-82, 5-193

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Best	10	1	71	2
Sammy	10	1	37	0
Roach	10	0	52	1
Narine	10	1	27	0
Dwayne	8	0	62	2
Pollard	2	0	15	0

WEST INDIES

Charles c Cutting b McKay	100
Powell c Finch b Johnson	2
Darren c Faulkner b Doherty	33
Dwayne b Johnson	13
Pollard c Finch b Faulkner	45
Deonarine c Haddin b Cutting	4
Thomas run out (Marsh)	19
Sammy c Haddin b McKay	23
Narine b Johnson	0
Roach not out	2
Best c sub (Coulter-Nile) b McKay	0
Extras: (lb-6, w-9, b-1)	16
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs)	257

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-113, 3-129, 4-182, 5-186, 6-228, 7-234, 8-246, 9-257

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McKay	9.5	0	52	3
Johnson	10	1	50	3
Cutting	10	0	53	1
Faulkner	10	0	47	1
Doherty	9	0	46	1
Finch	1	0	2	0

Result: Australia won by 17 runs

ICC Women's World Cup results

AGENCIES, *Mumbai*

Five-time champions Australia have entered the final of the ICC Women's World Cup after thrashing Sri Lanka by nine wickets in their second Super Six match at the Brabourne Stadium on Sunday.

In reply to Sri Lanka's paltry 131, Australia chased down the target in just 22.2 overs. This was Australia's fifth successive victory in the tournament.

SCORES IN BRIEF

In Mumbai, Australia beat Sri Lanka by nine wickets.

SRI LANKA: 131 all out in 45.2 overs (Deepika 43, Dilani 21; Erin Osborne 3-9, Lisa Sthalekar 2-26)

AUSTRALIA: 132-1 in 22.2 overs (Rachael Haynes 71 not out, Meg Lanning 37, Jess Cameron 22 not out; Sripali Weerakkody 1-21)

In Cuttack, England beat South Africa by seven wickets.

SOUTH AFRICA: 77 all out in 29.3 overs (Dane van Niekerk 17 not out; Anya Shrubsole 5-17, Danielle Wyatt 3-7)

ENGLAND: 81-3 in 9.3 overs (Lydia Greenway 25 not out, Arran Brindle 28 not out; Chloe Tryon 2-14)

SUPER SIXES TABLE

Country	P	W	L	Pts	NRR
Australia	4	4	0	8	+1.003
New Zealand	3	2	1	4	+1.712
West Indies	3	2	1	4	+1.187
England	4	2	2	4	+1.079
Sri Lanka	4	1	3	2	-2.636
South Africa	4	0	4	0	-2.157

(Teams carried forward points earned against fellow qualifiers in the preliminary league into the Super Sixes. The top two teams will qualify for

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in the other semifinal.

SCORES IN BRIEF

RAJSHAHI: First innings 255 for 8 and second innings 148 all out in 78.5 overs (Nazmul 25; Saifuddin 5-38).

CHITTAGONG: First Innings 161 all out and second innings 216 for 5 in 38.4 overs (Tanjid 65, Sumon 50).

Result: Chittagong won by five wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Saifuddin (Chittagong).

SYLHET: First innings 120 and second innings 202 all out in 62.4 overs (Moinuddin 67; Mehedi 5-48). **KHULNA:** First innings 229 and second innings 99 for 3 in 27.1 overs (Adnan 65 not out).

Result: Khulna Division won by seven wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Mehedi (Khulna).

Napoli held by Lazio

REUTERS, *Rome*

Juventus moved five points clear at the top of Serie A on Saturday as the champions beat Fiorentina 2-0 and closest challengers Napoli had to settle for a 1-1 draw at Lazio.

First-half goals from Mirko Vucinic and Alessandro Matri in Turin took Juventus to 55 points, with Napoli six points ahead of third-placed Lazio after Hugo Campagnaro's 87th-minute equaliser at the Olympic Stadium.

Vucinic opened the scoring for an aggressive Juve after 20 minutes, capitalising on Facundo Roncaglia's poor defensive header by smashing the ball home from just outside the area.

Matri doubled their lead four minutes before halftime after great work from Arturo Vidal, the midfielder evading four Fiorentina players before slipping in the striker.

RESULTS

Juventus 2 (Vucinic 20, Matri 41)
Fiorentina 0
Lazio 1 (Floccari 11) Napoli 1

Despite losing his right boot, Matri expertly slotted the ball past goalkeeper Emiliano Viviano to seal an easy win that leaves Fiorentina in sixth place.

Sergio Floccari netted Lazio's opener after 11 minutes when he controlled Abdoulay Konko's cross on the penalty spot and hit a fierce low drive past Morgan De Sanctis.

The home side deserved their lead against a below-par Napoli, after a first half of attacking football that Walter Mazzari's team couldn't handle.

Napoli, though, improved after the break, and got their reward when defender Campagnaro met a corner with a thumping volley that flew into the top right-hand corner.

No room for Gambhir

CRICINFO, *New Delhi*

Gautam Gambhir has been dropped for the first two Tests against Australia. Delhi's Shikhar Dhawan replaced him in the squad, which retained Tamil Nadu's M Vijay. Harbhajan Singh replaced Piyush Chawla, and Bhuvneshwar Kumar earned a first Test call-up ahead of Parvinder Awana as the third change to the XV that played the Nagpur Test against England. Ravindra Jadeja and Ajinkya Rahane retained their places.

Both Vijay and Dhawan opened the innings for Rest of India in the ongoing Irani Cup match. Vijay scored a century, and Dhawan scored 63.

SQUAD

Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli, Shikhar Dhawan, M Vijay, Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ravindra Jadeja, Harbhajan Singh, Ishant Sharma, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, R Ashwin, Pragyan Ojha, Ashok Dinda.

Rafa reaches both finals

Tennis

REUTERS, *Vina del Mar*

Rafael Nadal and his troublesome knees stand two matches away from enjoying a double celebration on Sunday after the Spaniard reached the singles and doubles finals at his comeback tournament in Vina del Mar.

Seven months on the sidelines because of injury do not appear to have diminished Nadal's hunger for success as he reached the singles final at the Chilean claycourt event with a 6-2, 6-2 drubbing of third-seeded Frenchman Jeremy Chardy.

The seven-times French Open champion will aim to win his 37th title on the slow surface when he takes on little-known Argentine Horacio Zeballos in the final.

"I played well in the semis, better than the days before, which is important," said Nadal, who is playing his first event since losing to Czech Lukas Rosol in the second round at Wimbledon last June.

Crucial phase

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98 in a match which saw the Sylhet Royals chase down a record target of 197 to a near boycott by Rajshahi's foreign players, the competition has so far seen both sides of the coin in terms of how it has been perceived by the public. With the business end of the tournament approaching, the intensity can only rise from here.

Siddikur's

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Indian franchisee, owned by Sri Lankan cricketer Mahela Jayawerdene finished bottom of the pile with a score of 17-under.

Indian golfing star Shiv Kapur was the architect of the Pearls Golf Premier League.

Officials of Bangladesh Football Federation and Premier Bank pose with the logo of Bangladesh Championship League at the BFF House yesterday. The second tier professional football league starts today.

PHOTO: COURTESY

School chess

SPORTS REPORTER

India's Suvradeepta Das took solo lead in Group A of the 13th Standard Chartered School Chess Tournament at the close of the fifth round at the National Sports Council Tower yesterday.

Suvradeepta beat Wahidul Alam of Rangamati Shaheed Abdul Ali Academy to secure maximum five points from five matches.

Three players -- Akib Jawad of Chittagong, Rafsan Bin Omar of Government Science School and Prajapati Raj of Nepal – shared second position with 4.5 points each in Group A which features players from class VI to X.

Former national sub-junior champion Mohammad Fahad Rahman of Gemcon group took solo lead in Group B (class I to V) with maximum five points after he beat Jamim Al Hamid of Moulvibazar Lily Children Academy. Mahmud Sharif Mowla of Motijheel Ideal School & College was in second position in the same group with 4.5 points.

In Group C (girls), Tanzina Akter Tani of Motijheel Central Govt. Girls School leads the points table with maximum five points after winning the board against Tiasa in the fifth round.

Five players shared the second position in the same group with four points.

Dutch duo set new

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The BFF wanted De Kruif and Koster to arrive here on February 15 to watch three to four matches of the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League before picking the preliminary squad but both the coaches wanted to come to Bangladesh on February 22.

"They want a month's salary including a portion of bonus, in case of success, which will have to be paid by February 12 for their 12-day stay and we will also have to pay double taxes, both in Bangladesh and Netherlands.

"We have no problem about meeting their financial demands, but their unilateral right to cancel the agreement and the condition of sending a third coach instead of them is quite unacceptable," said the BFF boss, Salahuddin even hinted that he would not go after the duo for long term if they do not take charge in the interim period.

However, BFF's vice president and National Teams Committee chairman Kazi Nabil is still hopeful that the matter could be settled.

"We have informed them about our observation and I can say that the final decision will be taken tomorrow (Monday)," said Nabil adding that they are already thinking of alternatives if the Dutch coaches make themselves unavailable for the AFC Challenge Cup Qualifiers.

Tigers roar

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Former captain and chief selector of the BCB, Akram Khan said, "It was a great feeling to see almost the entire city protesting against the verdict there. We went there to express our support and solidarity for the movement. Unfortunately we could not stay there for more than half an hour, as we had to avoid foreseeable problems."

Left-arm spinner Razzak echoed Akram Khan's sentiments. "I think the best thing about it was that people are still there united in their protest. They were for the country. I just hope that we continue to protest in a similar vein for any other wrong doings in the future."

Among the other national players, Shohag Gazi, Mominul Haque, Anamul Haque Bijoy, Nazmul Hassan also joined. Duronto Rajshahi's cricketers, Ziaur Rahman, Naeem Islam Jr, Taijul Islam, Forhad Hossain and coach Khaled Mashud had earlier made an appearance at the square at 11 am yesterday.

Despite the widespread jubilation though, there were still questions raised amongst the crowd, regarding the absence of left-handed batsman Tamim Iqbal and all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan – two of the most famous names in the sporting scene.

Bolt beaten in season opener

REUTERS, *Kingston*

Jamaican Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt was beaten in his first race of the 2013 season on Saturday, finishing third in a low-key 400 metre event in his hometown of Kingston.

The triple gold medalist from both the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympics easily won his heat in 46.71 seconds at the Camperdown Classic.

But he had to settle for third place overall after his training partners Warren Weir and Yohan Blake both posted faster times in their heats.

"I'm happy, I've never been so nervous running a 400m but overall I'm happy. Physically I felt good, not as good as I normally would, but overall I feel good," Bolt .

"I didn't matter about the time, I just wanted to complete this race, I know I may have one more for the season, maybe two depending on what the coach wants."

Weir, who finished third behind Bolt and Blake in the 200m final at London last year, won in a personal best time of 46.21 seconds.

Blake, racing in the same heat as Weir, stopped the clock at 46.64 after fading in the final straight following a blistering start.

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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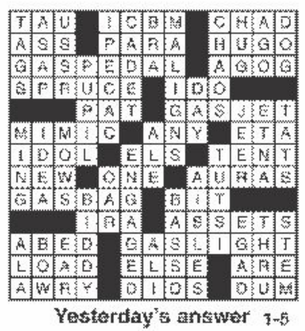

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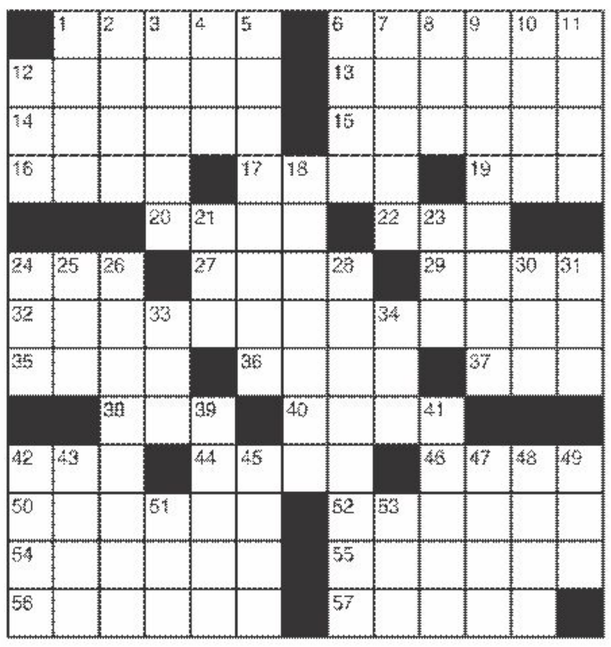

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINGING TEACHERS OUGHT TO HAVE PEOPLE CONCENTRATE ON THE THROAT TISSUE THAT'S THE VOCAL POINT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals S