



Swiss Roger Federer clenches his fist after beating Italian Filippo Volandri at the Rome Masters Series on Friday.

Ferrero in last four

Tennis

AFP, Rome

Spanish number two seed Juan Carlos Ferrero secured a place in the semifinals of the clay court Rome Masters here on Friday after beating Australian Open runner-up Rainer Schuttler of Germany 6-4, 6-4.

Tipped by many to win the French Open later this month, Ferrero will now meet Roger Federer in Saturday's semifinal at the Foro Italico.

The 23-year-old Ferrero said he was expecting his toughest match so far against the Swiss number four seed, who won his third ATP title of the season last week in Munich.

"Roger is playing so well at the moment and is confident after his victory in Munich," Ferrero said. "He's in form but I'll try to be aggressive and defend his big serves."

Federer had a much harder time of it against Filippo Volandri before eventually shaking off the 21-year-old Italian number one 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

Volandri played way above his ranking of 100 and enjoyed plenty of support from a partisan home crowd, but a string of unforced errors in the final set undid all his good work and allowed Federer to

Pakistan thrash

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PAKISTAN

Hafeez c Sangakkara b Jayasuriya	53
Umar c Kaluwitharana b Nissanka	9
Iqbal c Jayawardene b M'tharan	21
Youhana c Jayawardene b L'rachchi	1
Younis c Lokuarachchi b M'tharan	29
Akhtar run out	5
Malik run out	20
Razaq not out	24
Latifst Kaluwitharana b M'tharan	14
Sami not out	8
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-2, w-5)	15
Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs)	199
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-69, 3-70, 4-115, 5-125, 6-146, 7-158, 8-181	

Did not bat:

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	8	1	22	0
Nissanka	9	0	26	1
Weeraratne	4	0	14	0
L'rachchi	10	0	40	1
M'tharan	10	0	38	3
Jayasuriya	9	0	51	1

SRI LANKA

Atapattu lbw b Razaq	26
Jayasuriya c Younis b Akhtar	0
Sangakkara c Malik b Akhtar	29
Jayawardene lbw b Sami	22
Arnold c Iqbal b Hafeez	13
Kaluwitharana c Younis b Malik	2
Lokuarachchi run out	0
Vaas run out	1
Weeraratne c Hafeez b Malik	1
Nissanka not out	5
Muralitharan b Sami	1
Extras: (lb-4, nb-4, w-12)	20
Total: (All out in 43.1 overs)	120
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-62, 3-75, 4-98, 5-99, 6-107, 7-110, 8-111, 9-118	

Result: Pakistan won by 79 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Mohammad Hafeez.
Toss: Sri Lanka.
Umpires: Saman Taufel (Australia) and Peter Manuel (Sri Lanka)
Next match: New Zealand v Pakistan, May 11.

Tense finish

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the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

MOHAMMEDAN SC: First innings 289 all out in 96 overs (Rajat 129, Javed 67, Anwar 39; Razzak 4-108, Mushfiq 3-52, Wasim 2-25)

VICTORIA SC: First innings (overnight 223 for 7 in 83 overs)

W Nayeem c Javed b Naimur	51
Parvez b Enamul	7
Rafiqul lbw b Rajat	31
Azam c Anwar b Arif	24
Mushfiq c Anwar b Naimur	13
Salim c Aftab b Enamul	41
Anisur b Arif	11
Nuruzzaman lbw b Rajat	10
Sabbir not out	39
Mukul c & b Hasibul	3
Razzak c Arif b Enamul	11
Extras: (b-6, lb-11)	17
Total: (All out in 99.3 overs)	258
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-63, 3-115, 4-117, 5-159, 6-187, 7-187, 8-223, 9-234	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Munir	6	1	22	0
Hasibul	20	2	54	1
Rajat	15	4	31	2
Enamul	28.3	11	47	3
Naimur	16	2	45	2
Arif	14	2	42	2

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Second innings

Nafis c Salim b Mushfiq	50
Javed c Razzak b Mushfiq	4
Aftab c Rafiqul b Wasim	23
Rajat st. Salim b Razzak	44
Naimur c Rafiqul b Mushfiq	6
Minhazul batting	40
Anwar batting	18
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-1, w-3)	16
Total: (For 5 wkts in 71 overs)	201
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-64, 3-102, 4-110, 5-162	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mushfiq	23	5	74	3
Razzak	35	5	83	1
Wasim	13	1	32	1

Capriati cruises

Tennis

AFP, Berlin

Former world number one Jennifer Capriati believes she is ready to win her first tournament for 16 months after reaching the semi-finals of the 1.2-million-dollar WTA tournament here on Friday.

Capriati's performance during a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Elena Likhovtseva, the former top 20 Russian, supported her view that she is now playing better than before her eye operation in January, for eye in three matches against good opponents she has not looked like dropping a set.

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Capriati has strong reasons to

wish for that because she has not won a title for so long and had to work so hard to get back after the surgery in January.

She also has realistic hopes of achieving it, even though her next opponent is the top seed Kim Clijsters who was an even more rapid winner against Daniela Hantuchova.

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Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Shaheed Mintu Sangha outplayed Zia Smriti Sangsad by 9 wickets in the first match of the second round in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss Zia Smriti decided to bat first and collected only 50 runs before being all out in 23 overs.

In reply, Shaheed Mintu Sangha reached 53 for the loss of one wicket in 10 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF
Zia Smriti Sangha: 50 all out in 23 overs (Bappi 9, Samar 8, Rupak 3; Mamun 3/16, Chapal 3/12, Zico 2/6)

Shaheed Mintu Sangha: 53 for one wicket in 10 overs (Sajal 24, Zico 23; Ripon 1/24)

Result: Shaheed Mintu Sangha won by 9 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Zico.

Dinajpur maul

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Comilla topped the Group-B table beating Gazipur by a solitary goal netted by Golam Sarwar Rakib in the 6th minute.

BKSP, Kalindi

RZZAK HS: 102 all out in 37.4 overs (Biplob 21, Lincoln 19, Khadem 3/11 and Saimon 2/15)

KALINDI HS: 263 for 7 in 50 overs (Babu 77, Rajib 55 and Shawon 2/46)

ISLAMIA HS: 203 for 9 in 50 overs (Arif 26, Sifat 30, Raki 3/26 and Sajib 2/30)

Hondo humbles Worcs

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breakthrough by dismissing openers Anurag Singh (14) and Stephen Peters (18) with the new ball.

Streak left the field having bowled just two overs in what represents a setback for the southern African side's build-up to the Lord's Test starting on May 22.

The 29-year-old is unlikely to feature in the rest of this four-day fixture meaning he will only have one fixture, against Sussex next week, to warm up for Lord's.

Coach Geoff Marsh said: "He's got a bit of a back problem which he got in his first year. I don't think he's likely to play much of a part in the rest of the game which is a big disappointment for us."

SCOREBOARD
 Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the four-day tour match between Worcestershire and Zimbabwe on Friday.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

Peters b Blignaut	18
A Singh c Flower b Blignaut	14
Solanki st Taibu b Price	74
Smith c Taibu b Hondo	53
Kadeer Ali c Taibu b Hondo	10
Hall c Taibu b Flower	34
Batty b Hondo	0

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Blignaut	13	2	46	2
Streak	2	0	11	0
Hondo	13	4	53	3
Friend	6	0	54	0
Price	19.5	3	64	2
Flower	7	2	17	2

ZIMBABWE: First innings

Ebrahim run out	0
Vermuelen c Solanki b Ali	11
Carlisle not out	29
Flower c Peters b Mason	18
Rogers not out	1
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-3)	10
Total: (For 3 wkts in 30 overs)	69

To bat: Taibu, Blignaut, Streak, Friend, Hondo, Price

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ali	6	3	11	1
Harrity	7	2	16	0
Mason	7	2	16	1
Hall	7	2	19	0
Batty	3	3	0	0



Chief of Naval Staff Real Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba shakes hands with the players of Dhumketu Club during the inaugural ceremony of the First Division Basketball League at the Wooden-floor gymnasium at Dhanmondi yesterday. Fourteen teams are taking part in the meet. In the opening match Dhumketu defeated Cantonians 78-43.



World record holder Tim Montgomery (L) crosses to win the men's 100 metres at the IAAF Japan Grand Prix in Osaka's Nagai Stadium yesterday.

Tim bounces back

Athletics

AFP, Osaka

American world record holder Tim Montgomery stormed back to his winning ways with a scorching victory Saturday in the men's 100 metres at the IAAF Japan Grand Prix.

The world silver medalist, a surprise runner-up in his first outdoor 100m race of the season at Mexico City last week, clocked 10.04 seconds for his fastest time yet this season.

Patrick Johnson, the first Australian to break the 10-second barrier with a 9.93 earlier this week in Mito, was on Montgomery's heels with a 10.05.

Local hope Shingo Suetsugu was third in 10.16, followed by world bronze medalist Bernard Williams of the United States with a time of 10.17.

"It just shows that I need more work. This was my second race since September 14, and I look forward to more races to get better," said Montgomery.

"I've been training this year by myself and I'm still trying to find my rhythm. This race was a big race for me to establish confidence for feeling what I am doing. A 100 metres is mostly mental, and I pulled it today."

When asked about his goal at the looming world championships in August in Paris, Montgomery simply said: "To win."

Johnson said: "We are leaving up to the world championships and we've still a long way to go. I'm still running and finding myself, so it's good to come out and run your best."

"I'll train by myself in Australia. I'm not trying to rush ahead or get over, sort of excited about anything."

1997 world bronze medalist Tyree Washington timed 44.97 to win the 400m, beating fellow American Calvin Harrison by 0.35 and Clinton Hill of Australia by 0.42.

Sydney Olympic champion Nick Hysong of the United States won the pole vault with a mark of 5.50 metres (16.6 feet), while world champion Dmitri Markov of Australia failed three attempts at

5.40 metres.

Grand Prix final winner Koji Murofushi won the hammer throw title back to Japan by marking a new meet record of 82.95 metres, beating European and defending champion Adrian Annu of Hungary.

"I was nervous, because it was my first international competition of the season being held in Japan, but I was satisfied that I was able to mark consistent results," said Murofushi, who threw over 80 metres seven times.

In the women's 100m, Christie Gaines timed 11.03 to beat Kelli White, her US relay teammate with whom she won the world 4x100 gold, into second in 11.07, and Mary Onyali Omagbemi of Nigeria into third in 11.32.

Olympic and world silver medalist Olga Kuzenkova of Russia took the hammer throw with a toss of 71.33 metres, beating Australian rivals Brooke Krueger and Bronwyn Eagles.

Kamila Skolimowska of Poland, who at 17 was the youngest-ever athletics gold medalist with her win in Sydney, took fourth with 66.63 metres.

Lawson gives WI

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slip off Mervyn Dillon here when on 14.

But the Windies finally got his wicket nearing lunch when he cut uppishly to Omari Banks in the gully for 42 to leave the Australians 80 for two.

Darren Lehmann was squared up by Lawson shortly after lunch and edged to Jacobs to be out for seven.

Martin Love, who came into the Australian eleven for virus-victim Ricky Ponting, batted patiently in his third Test for 36 off 93 balls before he had the misfortune to play on to his stumps from Banks.

Australia went to tea at 175 for four, but six wickets tumbled for 65 off 17.4 overs in the final session.

Australia's hopes of another big innings folded with the dismissals of Waugh and Adam Gilchrist, both to Dillon.

SCOREBOARD
 Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the fourth and final Test between the West Indies and Australia at the Antigua Recreational Ground on Friday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Langer c Banks b Lawson	42
Hayden c Drakes b Lawson	14
Love b Banks	36

Lehmann c Jacobs b Lawson	7
Waugh c Jacobs b Dillon	41
Gilchrist c Chandernaul b Dillon	33
Bichel c sub (Samuels) b Lawson	34
Lee c Jacobs b Lawson	9
Gillespie c Jacobs b Lawson	6
MacGill c Sarwan b Lawson	2
McGrath not out	5

Extras: (b-2, lb-3, w-2, nb-4) 11
 Total: (All out in 72.1 overs) 240
 Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-80, 3-93, 4-128, 5-181, 6-194, 7-224, 8-231, 9-233

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Dillon	18	2	53	2
Lawson	19.1	3	78	7
Drakes	15	2	42	0
Banks	20	2	62	1

WEST INDIES: First innings

Gayle b McGrath	21
Smith not out	0
Ganga c Gilchrist b Bichel	6
Drakes not out	12
Extras: (lb-7, nb-1)	8
Total: (For 2 wkts in 15 overs)	47

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-30
 To bat: Lara, Sarwan, Chandernaul, Jacobs, Banks, Dillon, Lawson

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	5	0	14	1
Gillespie	4	0	10	0
Bichel	3	2	3	1
Lee	2	0	11	0
MacGill	1	0	2	0

Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and Srinivas Venkataraghavan (India)

Law, Chilton

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adopted South African Ian Trott made the most of his chance at the top of the order in place of Nick Knight with a dashing 134 from 178 balls as his side reached 350 for nine by the close.

Trott's innings included 17 fours and two sixes. But it was Mushtaq Ahmed who fought back for Sussex and made sure Warwickshire didn't run away with the game. He took 6 for 131, including the crucial wickets of Trott and the well-set Mark Waugh.

In the Division Two match between Glamorgan and Gloucestershire at Cardiff, the tourists continued their recent run of good form by dominating the day against Glamorgan.

Jon Lewis was the hero with the ball, taking 5 for 61 as Glamorgan, who were 57 for 7 at one point, recovered to 139 all out.

Craig Spearman then led the way for Gloucs with 75, while Jonty Rhodes saw them to the close of play with 39 not out. They reached 217, a lead of 78 runs with seven wickets remaining.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
 Meanwhile in the National One-Day League, Scotland made it two wins out of two after they beat Somerset by six wickets in a rain-affected match at Edinburgh in a Division One match.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	33 "The Man With the Hoe"	DOWN	22 Sweet potato
1 Good thing	16 Hero	1 George	23 Sleep phenom, for short
2 Ointment	17 poet	2 Ruth	24 "I — Camera"
3 Soviet aircraft	18 Villain	3 Story teller?	25 PETA no-no
4 Information	19 Average	4 Wood-chuck	26 Silent
5 Show-stopper	20 Clean	5 Phil or Steve of	27 Historic period
6 Simile	21 Home	6 Signifcant	28 Prepare leather
7 Conlor	22 Significant	7 Junction	29 Austin Powers, e.g.
8 Chester	23 Marathon-er's boast?	8 Cassini	31 Send pronto
9 Arthur	24 Couturier	9 Virgo's neighbor	32 Clumsy solution to a problem
10 Tolerate	25 Baseball team	10 Guy's sweetie	33 Injury
11 Distinguishing feature	26 Telegram	11 Rosy pink hue	34 Small-pie
12 Set aside for a purpose	27 Lamb's dam	12 Dinesen	