

Sussex turn on lights

AFP, Hove

Rain cut short the third day of Zimbabwe's tour match here on Saturday despite an historic move by hosts Sussex.

With dark skies overhead following Friday's total washout, Sussex received permission to switch on the Hove floodlights the only first-class ground in England with such permanent facilities.

It was the first time in English cricket history that floodlights had been used during a first-class match.

And Sussex's bold move meant that more than 90 minutes of play was possible.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the four-day tour match between Sussex and Zimbabwe on Saturday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings (overnight 317-4)

Ebrahim c Hodd b Taylor	14
Vermeulen c Hodd b Innes	198
Carlisle c Montgomery b Davis	35
Flower c Goodwin b Hutchison	64
Taibu c Zuiderent b Hutchison	0
Ervine not out	39
Marillier c Yardy b Taylor	0
Streak c Goodwin b Innes	11
Blignaut not out	2
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-5)	11
Total: (For 7 wks in overs)	374
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-147, 3-317, 4-317, 5-322, 6-325, 7-362	

To bat: Nkala, Price

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lewry	18	1	88	0
Taylor	30	9	64	2
Hutchison	18.1	4	83	2
Innes	24	7	57	2
Davis	17	4	58	1
Yardy	5	0	10	0
Hopkinson	2	0	8	0

SUSSEX: R Montgomery, M Yardy, M Goodwin, B Zuiderent, C Hopkinson, K Innes, P Hutchison, M Davis, A Hodd, B Taylor, J Lewry.

Div I b'ball
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The winners led the first half by 35-17.

Shishir caged 25, Majil 24 and Arfun 14 points for the winners while Zisan scored 23 for Cantonians.

In the day's other match, Old DOHS (Saturn) defeated Wraiths 52-38 after dominating the first half 27-20. Jerry scored 16 and Sarek 10 for the winners while Nabil caged 13 and Hasan 10 for the losers.

Rahman on BNS

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success of Bangladesh football team in the SAF Championship, Asif Hossain in Commonwealth Games shooting and Ziaur Rahman for becoming the second Grand Master of the country.

When asked why the NSC wanted to change the name of BCB to BCCB, Rahman said that the previous change was not made legally.

Replying to a question he said, "We have no intention to change the names of four national stadiums, named after four national leaders." He further said that National Sports Council (NSC) didn't change the name of Feni Stadium, named after Salam, a martyr of language movement.

This was the second time Rahman had attended the 'Meet the Reporters' session in a year.

The programme was chaired by DRU vice-president Ziaur Rahman. General secretary Monir Hossain Liton and sports secretary Kamruzzaman Hiru were also present.

Amelie sends Serena packing

Tennis

AFP, Rome

French fourth seed Amelie Mauresmo fought back from a set down to upset defending champion Serena Williams and clinch a place in the final of the Rome Masters.

Mauresmo defeated America's world number one 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 for her first win in six attempts against the 21-year-old and will play Kim Clijsters in Sunday's final after the Belgian second seed beat Japan's Ai Sugiyama in straight sets.

Williams, who defends her French Open title at Roland Garros later this month, said her poor

serving was the root cause of a surprise defeat.

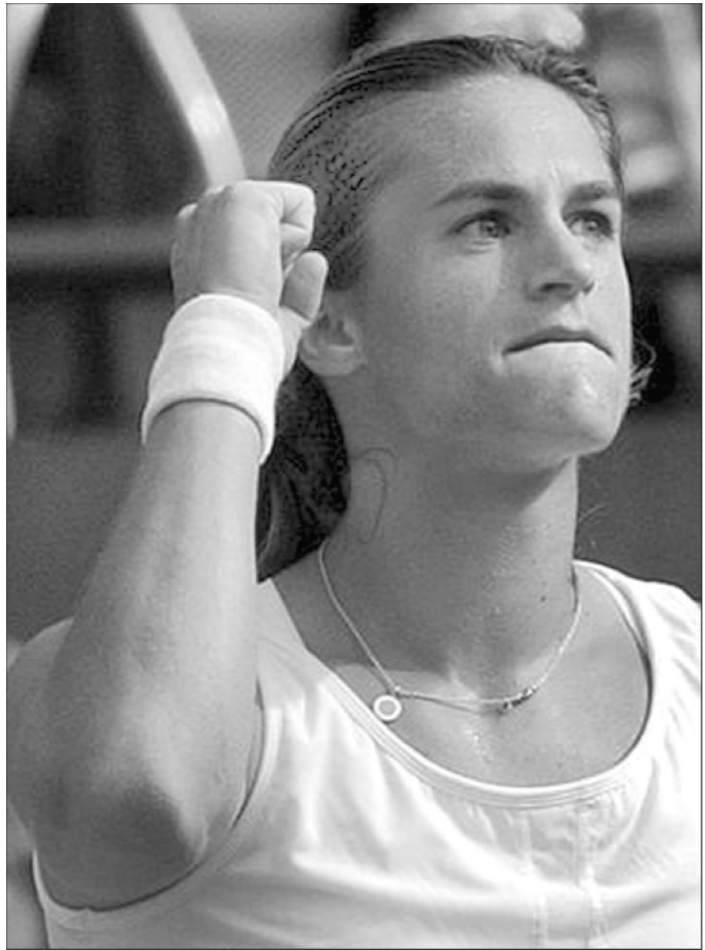
"I made too many errors, most of all on my service games," she said.

"It's difficult to win when you are not getting a high percentage of first serves in.

"But you have to give Amelie credit because she never gave in. She had an excellent match.

"I'm upset because I like to win, but it's not the end of the world."

Asked what significance the defeat might have less than two weeks ahead of the French Open, Williams replied: "It's better to lose here than in Paris. I'm happy with the way I've played here in Rome and it has helped me prepare for the French."



France's Amelie Mauresmo clenches her fist after beating American Serena Williams at the Rome Masters Series semifinal on Saturday.

Williams started impressively and raced into a 5-0 lead as Mauresmo struggled to cope with her opponent's powerful groundstrokes and accurate serves.

Mauresmo, 23, stirred into life briefly with a love service game, but Williams held serve to close out the opening set in 21 minutes.

An early break in the second saw Mauresmo take a 2-0 lead, but she double-faulted twice on her next service game to let Williams back in.

Holder of all four Grand Slam titles, Williams drew level and games went with serve until a lengthy ninth game.

Mauresmo's erratic serve allowed Williams to break for a 5-4 lead and the chance to serve for the match, but the top seed then let her concentration slip in the blazing Rome sunshine.

Williams lost her next two service games and Mauresmo took the set.

Mauresmo fought back from being a break down to take advantage of a string of wide forehand strokes from Williams and took a 5-3 lead.

A runner-up here in 2000 and 2001, Mauresmo held serve to become only the second player this year to beat the American.

Belgian Justine Henin-Hardenne beat Williams in April in Charleston.

Clijsters won her match 6-3, 6-2 against doubles partner Sugiyama.

After Sugiyama broke early to take a 2-0 lead, Clijsters stepped up a gear to win the next four games.

The pair then exchanged breaks before Clijsters served out the set after Sugiyama netted a return.

Clijsters broke in the second to go 2-0 up, but Sugiyama returned the compliment to draw level.

Once again Clijsters was able to pick up the pace and won four games in a row for a comfortable victory against the 13th seed from Japan.

Clijsters, who has not dropped a set this week, said she was not surprised by Mauresmo's win against Williams.

"Amelie has played some great tennis all week and the way she fought back today was incredible," she said.

"It's going to be a tough match tomorrow, but I've been playing well and feel confident I can win here."

Nasser unsure of Test future

AFP, London

Nasser Hussain said Sunday he was adopting a wait and see policy over his future as England's Test captain.

Hussain, speaking ahead of England's first Test against Zimbabwe at Lord's which starts on Thursday, said: "I'm concentrating on leading us out against Zimbabwe, winning the Test series and then doing the same against South Africa.

"After that, we'll just have to wait and see (if I continue as captain).

The 35-year-old, who stepped down as England's one-day skipper after his side's exit from the World Cup, added: "When you're in the kitchen, sometimes it gets hot that's how it is being England cricket captain.

"If you asked Graham Gooch or Mike Atherton, they'd say it's a tricky, difficult job but also a very rewarding one.

"What I'm worried about is winning Tests for England and, if we play like we can, we should beat Zimbabwe.

"The moment you win a Test or one-day match, you're very proud."

World TT starts today

AFP, Paris

The Table Tennis World Championships begin here on Monday with the very real prospect of a European player muscling in on what in recent years has become nothing short of a Chinese benefit.

At the same time, organisers are hoping that the controversy over the SARS virus as well as the North Koreans' decision to skip the event will not overshadow the 47th edition of the tournament.

China have completed a clean sweep of all seven gold medals at the last two championships in Osaka (2001) and Eindhoven (1999), and anyone with an ounce of grey matter would be foolhardy to rule out of hand a third rout by the table tennis super power.

The Chinese arrived in the capital from their Caen training camp on Saturday and were immediately subjected to checks for any sign of the SARS virus.

"Everyone is fine, there's nothing to worry about," said Gu Shuging, the Chinese team doctor after examining the squad which includes Olympic champion Kong Linghui and world champions Wang Liqin and Wang Nan.

'Sultan of swing'

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Played more one-day internationals than any other cricketer and named by Wisden as best ODI bowler of all time.

One of the great exponents of reverse swing, he formed a lethal opening attack with Waqar Younis for many years.

ODI debut v New Zealand at Faisalabad, November 1984. 356 matches, 502 wickets at 23.52, 3,717 runs at 16.52. 104 Tests, 414 wickets at 23.62, 2,898 runs at 22.64.

Reputation tainted by allegations of involvement in match-fixing, he was censured and fined in 2000 for not co-operating fully with a Pakistan Cricket Board investigation and barred from captaining his country again.

Man-of-the-match in Pakistan's 1992 World Cup final victory over England, captained the side that lost to Australian in 1999 final. Played in 2003 tournament in South Africa, his fifth World Cup.

Spent more than a decade with English county Lancashire and playing for Hampshire in 2003.

Became the first bowler to take 500 one-day international wickets when he bowled Netherlands batsman Nick Statham during 2003 World Cup match in Paarl.

Greene finishes third

Athletics

AFP, Portland

Former world record holder Maurice Greene stumbled out of the blocks and finished a disappointing third in his season opening 100 metres at the 13th Oregon Track Classic on Saturday.

Under cool and drizzly conditions, Greene clocked 10.33 seconds, finishing behind winner Kim Collins of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

"It's cold out here and I did not get a good start," said Greene. "I got caught in the blocks and I felt a little tightness midway through the race.

"They ran a good race and I am still trying to get the cobwebs out."

Greene, who won the gold medal in the 100 metres in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, was running his opening 100 metre of the outdoor season. He is targeting a 100m and 200m double at this year's World Championships in Paris.

Collins, who won gold at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, clocked 10.21 seconds while American John Capel finished second in 10.28.

"This was a very tough field and I feel very good about winning the race. I had a good start and I wanted to finish strong. It's not a surprise to me that I won, that's what I came here to do," said Collins, who continued his strong showing this season.

Collins, 27, also won the 100 at the Texas Relays last month, posting a wind-aided 9.92.

Collins finished third in the 200 metres at the 2001 World Championships and finished first at last year's Commonwealth Games in the 100 metres.

American Torri Edwards won

the women's 100 on Saturday, clocking a 11.23 and edging Jamaica's Tanya Lawrence who finished second in 11.26.

"My indoor season gave me a lot



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of confidence," said Edwards. "It is difficult to run in the cold but you can't do anything about the weather."

It was the second straight year that Lawrence finished second in the event.

This year's world indoor 800m champion, David Krummenacker ran the fastest time by an American this year in winning the men's 800 metres.

Krummenacker, the reigning US indoor and outdoor 800m champion, won in one minute, 45.77 seconds to edge runner-up Nicholas Wachira of Kenya in 1:46.56.

In other men's events, Kevin Toth, who has the world-leading throw this season of 22.67 metres (74 feet, 4.50 inches), won the men's shot put with a throw of 21.21m.

Canada's Brad Snyder was second with a best of 20.53m, while Australia's Justin Anlezark was third with a throw of 20.38m.

Three-time world shot put champion and two-time Olympic medalist John Godina was fourth with a best of 20.36m.

Godina bounced back to win the men's discus throw with a best of 62.98m.

Sydney Olympic 1,500m medalist Bernard Lagat of Kenya ran the fastest time in the world this year of three minutes, 34.13 seconds for the win.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Outstanding performances by Rubench and Zico guided Shaheed Mintu Sangha to record an eight-wicket victory over Haque Sporting Club in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Haque Sporting decided to bat first and were all out for 95 runs in 27.4 overs.

In reply, Mintu Sangha reached 97 for the loss of two wickets in 15 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

HAQUE SPORTING CLUB: 95 all out in 27.4 overs (Sajib 26, Ripon 13, Babu 6, Zico 2/12, Utpal 1/13, Sabuj 1/5).

SHAHEED MINTU SANGHA: 97 for 2 wickets in 14.1 overs (Rubench 39, Sajal 25, Zico 12, Lenin 1/23, Ripon 1/20).

Result: Shaheed Mintu Sangha won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Rubench.
Today's match: Zia Smriti Sangsad vs Independent Cricket Club.

Narrow win for Aussies

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Skipper Ricky Ponting effortlessly cruised to 59 before his slog-sweep was caught by Corey Collymore on the mid-wicket boundary rope off spinner Chris Gayle.

Ponting, who spent a week in bed with a virus which kept him out

of the final Antigua Test, looked set for a century with his runs coming off just 66 balls with seven fours.

Ponting put on 86 for the third wicket with Darren Lehmann, who was forced to call on Hayden as a runner after straining a calf muscle.

Lehmann, restricted in his shot-making, hit 55 off 86 balls before he spooned a catch to Ricardo Powell at short cover giving young spinner Banks the first of his two wickets.

The second match in the series is due at Sabina Park on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the first one-day international between the West Indies and Australia at Sabina Park on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA

Gilchrist c Samuels b Dillon	21
Hayden c Gayle b Dillon	7
Ponting c Collymore b Gayle	59
Lehmann c Powell b Banks	55
Symonds c Dillon b Banks	18
Bevan not out	43
Harvey not out	48
Extras: (lb-6, w-9, nb-4)	19
Total: (For 5 wks in 50 overs)	270
Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-47, 3-133, 4-169, 5-183	

Did not bat: Hogg, Bichel, Lee, McGrath

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Dillon	9	1	53	2
Drakes	8	0	50	0
Collymore	10	0	49	0
Samuels	6	0	26	0
Gayle	9	0	42	1
Banks	8	0	44	2

WEST INDIES

Gayle c Hogg b Lee	37
Powell c Gilchrist b Lee	37
Smith c Gilchrist b Harvey	26
Lara c Gilchrist b Harvey	23
Sarwan not out	47
Samuels c Symonds b Harvey	2
Banks run out (Hayden)	12
Baugh b McGrath	7
Drakes b Symonds	1
Dillon not out	8
Extras: (lb-2, w-1, nb-2)	5
Total: (For 8 wks in 37 overs)	205
Fall of wickets: 1-75, 2-75, 3-124, 4-133, 5-137, 6-161, 7-176, 8-185	

Did not bat: Collymore

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
McGrath	8	1	34	1
Lee	8	2	52	2
Bichel	7	1	38	0
Harvey	7	0	37	3
Symonds	7	0	42	1

Result: Australia won by 2 runs, Duckworth-Lewis method.
Man-of-the-match: Ricky Ponting.
Umpires: Billy Doctrove (West Indies) David Shepherd (England).



Australia's Ian Harvey (R) being congratulated by teammates after he got rid of Marlon Samuels of West Indies during the first one-day international at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica on May 17.

An Argentine finale

Tennis

AFP, Hamburg

Guillermo Coria and Agustin Calleri were the two Argentinians left standing after the semi-finals of the 2.45 million euro Hamburg Masters after knocking out countrymen Gaston Gaudio and David Nalbandian respectively.

Twelfth seed Coria, who was christened in honour of Guillermo Vilas who won the title here 25 years ago, defeated Gaudio 6-3, 6-7 (3/7), 6-0 while Calleri eased past Wimbledon runner-up Nalbandian, the eighth seed, 6-4, 6-1 on a day which made history as the first Masters event to feature all semifinalists from the same country.

Coria needed treatment at the end of the second set for cramps, but said he should be fit for the final.

"I have to say that the trainer and the physiotherapist are

geniuses because they really helped me a lot on the court," said Coria.

"Without them I couldn't have finished the match. In the third set I knew that I couldn't play long points so I attacked more and everything went my way."

Both finalists are determined to show that tennis in the recession-hit South American nation is alive and well.

"It's our own sacrifice to make it to the top, because we never really got much help from the Argentinian tennis federation," said Calleri.

"I think for the country this is something very big, to have four players in the semi-final of such a major event, because it never happened in the past.

"It's more like a coincidence of all the sacrifices that each one has made because there is not really a junior tennis scheme in Argentina.

"The only two players that got some help in the past were Coria and Nalbandian, that was it -

although I think that Gabriela Sabatini is trying to put something together to help juniors back home, which I think is great.

"But I really don't know any Argentinian junior players coming through right now."

Coria, 21 and a former French Open junior champion and a finalist at the Monte Carlo tournament last month, swept past Gaudio in the final set as his opponent began to feel the pace.

Nalbandian had a number of break points to put the pressure on Calleri but was unable to take advantage and he admitted that he found his countryman's game hard to read.

"You never know what he is going to do," lamented Nalbandian.

Calleri, who will be playing in his first Masters final, said he had a definite game plan in the match.

"I played at a very high level today. I tried to be aggressive and keep the pressure on him."

Whoever wins on Sunday will claim their second career title - the 26-year-old Calleri won this year in Acapulco while Coria won in Vina del Mar in 2001 just before he was hit with a six-month drugs ban.

"Whatever happens on Sunday, it will be a great day for Argentina," said Coria.

Murali mazes Pakistan

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That was the plus point," he said.

Latif's brilliant work behind the stumps was eventually neutralised by his batsmen, who lacked application against Muralitharan.

Hafeez and Faisal Iqbal (13) both were caught by Kumar Sangakkara while trying to cut away-going deliveries.

Star batsman Yousuf Youhana then offered a return catch to Muralitharan after making only 13.

Earlier, fast bowlers Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami, and off-spinner Malik shared six wickets, but the Pakistani attack lacked discipline in patches as 33 extras, including 14 no-balls and 12 wides, were conceded.

SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard of the triangular one-day cricket series match between Sri Lanka and Pakistan at the Rangiri Stadium on Sunday:

SRI LANKA

Kaluwitharana c Ahmed b Akhtar	1
Jayasuriya c Latif b Sami	6
Atapattu c Latif b Ahmed	9
Sangakkara c Latif b Razzaq	17
Jayawardene run out	0
Dilshan c Latif b Malik	46
Dharmasena c Hafeez b Malik	26
Lokuarachchi c Latif b Akhtar	5
Vaas not out	8
Muralitharan c and b Sami	19
Nissanka run out	2
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-14, w-12)	33

PAKISTAN

Hafeez c Sangakkara b Nissanka	20
Umar run out	3
Iqbal c Sangakkara b L'rachchi	13
Youhana c and b Muralitharan	13
Younis st K'tharana b J'suriya	26
Malik hit wkt b Muralitharan	33
Razzaq c K'tharana b M'tharan	7
Latif c Sangakkara b L'rachchi	20
Akhtar st K'tharana b M'tharan	5
Sami not out	3
Ahmed c Jayawardene b M'tharan	1