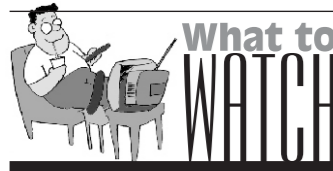




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Fifth ODI
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Sportline Tonight
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Flintoff hopes fade

INTERNET, London

England may not have Andrew Flintoff back for the second Test as hoped, though Darren Gough has now re-appeared for Yorkshire.

After the three-day win over Zimbabwe in the first Test, England have longer than usual to take stock of the latest injury position.

The all-rounder berth normally occupied by Flintoff was occupied by Anthony McGrath at Lord's. And the Yorkshireman performed in such accomplished fashion that the selectors would face a problem if Flintoff was declared fit for the Riverside.

Ctg, Sylhet survive scares

26th National Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Fancied Chittagong and Sylhet got off to winning starts in the final round of the 26th National Cricket Championship but not before a few hiccups.

Chittagong posted a 15-run win over Jhenidah in their opening Group B clash at the Comilla Stadium.

In a low scoring affair, Chittagong were all out for a paltry 130 in 49 overs after skipper Minhazul Abedin won the toss and elected to bat first.

Tail-ender Abdul Ahad scored the highest 26 off 55 balls while extras contributed the next best 20.

Chittagong's star-studded batting line-up comprising of Akram Khan, Aftab Ahmed, Nafees Iqbal and Minhazul Abedin could only combine to make 56 runs.

However, Chittagong's bowlers dismissed any hopes of a Jhenidah upset by bundling them out for 115 in 47.4 overs.

Paceman Arafat Sunny was the wrecker in chief taking three for 29 from 10 overs while Sabbir Khan, Suja Irfan and Masum took two wickets each.

Chittagong will now meet Narayananj in their last group match at the same venue on May 30.

Away at the MA Aziz Stadium, Sylhet recorded a marginal seven-run win over Satkhira.

Opener Liton hammered a fine 58 to help Sylhet score 183 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs after they had opted to bat first. Liton faced 87 balls and hit four fours.

In reply, Satkhira were all out for 176 in 46.2 overs despite a heroic 54-run last wicket partnership between number nine Firoz and number eleven Ataur.

Firoz hammered 44 off 51 balls while Ataur chipped in with 25 off 29 balls to take their team tantalisingly close to victory before Ataur lost his wicket to paceman Parvez.

The winners are scheduled to face Rajshahi in their next match on May 31 at the same venue.

SCORES IN BRIEF:

CHITTAGONG vs Jhenidah
Venue: Comilla
CHITTAGONG: 130 all out in 49 overs (Ripon 26, Akram 15, Aftab 15, Nafis 14; Atik 3-15, Bijon 2-12, Nazrul 2-20)

JHENIDAH: 115 all out in 47.4 overs (Khokon 31, Akhter 17; Arafat 3-29, Suja 2-8, Masum 2-15, Sabbir 2-18)

Result: Chittagong won by 15 runs.

Sylhet vs Satkhira
Venue: Chittagong

SYLHET: 183 for 9 in 50 overs (Liton 53, Rana 26, Tushar 22; Feroz 2-16)

SATKHIRA: 176 all out in 46.2 overs (Feroz 44 not out, Ataur 25; Farhad 2-30, Wadud 2-29, Enamul 2-31, Mistu 2-31)

Result: Sylhet won by 7 runs.

Nat'l age-group swimming from today

UNB, Dhaka

The Keya Cosmetics 20th National Age-Group Swimming Competition begins today at the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will inaugurate the three-day competition which is being organised by Bangladesh Swimming Federation.

Some 550 promising swimmers from 47 affiliated districts and clubs are expected to participate in 100 events of the competition for the boys and girls of under-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17 and 18-20 age groups.

The tournament is being
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PHOTO: STAR

General secretary of Bangladesh Swimming Federation Shahabuddin Ahmed (L) addresses a press conference, convened in connection with the 20th National Age-Group Swimming Competition, at the National Sports Council yesterday.

WI snap Aussie streak

Cricket

AFP, Port-of-Spain

Brian Lara led the West Indies to an emphatic 39-run victory that ended Australia's record 21-match consecutive one-day international winning run at Queen's Park Oval here on Sunday.

The West Indies scored 290 for five after winning the toss and restricted the World Cup champions to 251 for nine for an overdue victory in the fifth one-day international.

The triumph, greeted by joyous scenes from Lara's home town crowd, also snapped a losing 11-game sequence against Australia stretching back to their last win by eight wickets in Bridgetown four years ago.

The Australians, whose last ODI loss was to Sri Lanka in Sydney on January 9, had dominated the West Indies in the four previous games to clinch the one-day series after capturing the Test series 3-1.

But it was the West Indies' day on Sunday with Lara claiming man of the match honours with his 80 off 101 balls studded with 11 fours and a six.

Just when Lara looked poised to reach his 17th ODI century he was caught behind by Adam Gilchrist off Andy Bichel, the seventh time

he had fallen to Bichel in the Caribbean Test and ODI series.

"It was a great team performance, we got a good total, myself and Wavell (Hinds) batted very well and set up the game for Sarwan and Samuels and we bowled really tight, all credit must go to the team," said Lara.

The Windies lost Chris Gayle for five in the second over but there was to be no further brittleness inside the opening 15 overs as was the case in the other ODI contests.

Lara, who showed his intention when he came into bat at number three, combined with opener Hinds to put on a 178-run partnership off 190 balls for the second wicket to have his team in command by Hinds' dismissal for 79 in the 35th over.

It was the Windies' second-highest one-day partnership against Australia, behind only 205 set by Desmond Haynes and Viv Richards at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in 1979-80.

"Number three is the right position to bat for me, you have a lot more overs and I'm accustomed to batting through the innings and today it showed that, so hopefully I can continue batting there in this series and against Sri Lanka," Lara said.

Ponting said the winning sequence had to end sometime and he praised the West Indies'

performance.

"Full credit to the West Indies today, they played really well, they batted well and then took three early wickets with the new ball where probably the game changed," Ponting said.

Hinds began slowly but finished with a flourish of seven fours and a straight-hit six off young spinner Nathan Hauritz.

Ramnaresh Sarwan and Marlon Samuels continued to push along the West Indian runs with a stand of 71 off 73 balls for the fourth wicket before both fell in Brett Lee's ninth over and 47th of the innings.

Sarwan offered a thin edge to Gilchrist for 32 off 37 balls and Samuels went two balls later, deceived by an inswinging yorker which struck his back pad in front of the wicket for 42 off 38 balls.

Ricardo Powell added some late bucaneeering stroke-making when he came in with 19 balls left and struck 20 off 13 balls with wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs not out seven.

Lee finished Australia's best bowler with 3-56 off 10 overs with two maidens and Bichel claimed 2-67 off 10 overs.

The Australians were up against a daunting task of scoring 291 runs for victory at 5.82 runs per over, but were soon in trouble with the dan

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PHOTO: INTERNET
THAT'S LARA: West Indies captain Brian Lara executes one of his trademark pull shots during the fifth one-day international against Australia in Port-of-Spain on May 25. Lara scored 80 and was adjudged man-of-the-match.

First Div b'ball Europa, Gregs victorious

SPORTS REPORTER

Europa Youth trounced Hornets Sports Club by 118-48 in one of the two First Division Basketball League matches at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 63-25.

Manjil caged in highest 49 points for the winners followed by Imran and Shishir who added 28 and 17 points respectively.

In the other match of the day, Gregorians Club posted a narrow 59-49 win over Old DOHS.

Shahin scored 17 points for the winners

Andre gets going

AFP, Paris

Andre Agassi, the second seed and 1999 champion, eased into the second round of the French Open on Monday overwhelming Karol Beck of Slovakia 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 in 1hr 35min.

The 33-year-old American, making his 15th appearance at Roland Garros, overhauled an opponent 12 years his junior and making his French Open debut, and will meet the winner of the tie between Chile's Marcelo Rios and Mario Ancic of Croatia for a place in the third round.

Lara lauds lads

INTERNET, Port of Spain

Captain Brian Lara said West Indies had exceeded all of their expectations in putting an end to Australia's 21-match winning streak in Trinidad on Sunday.

The Caribbean side downed the tourists by 39 runs in the fifth one-day international, although Australia still hold a 4-1 lead with two matches remaining.

"We met and exceeded all our targets today. To beat such a great team is very, very special," said Lara.

"What they have achieved is historic. All cricket aficionados will remember that for a very long time."

The previous record for consecutive wins was held by Clive Lloyd's West Indies side of 1984-85.

It took a 178-run partnership between Lara and Wavell Hinds the West Indies' second-highest one-day stand against Australia to set up a winning total of 290.

Brisk innings from Ramnaresh Sarwan and Marlon Samuels maintained the momentum and the duo later shared three wickets as Australia were restricted to 251.

"It was a great team performance," Lara went on.

"We got a good total, myself and Wavell batted very well and set up the game for Sarwan and Samuels and we bowled really tight."

"Number three is the right position to bat for me you have a lot more overs and I'm accustomed to batting through the innings and today it showed."

Australia skipper Ricky Ponting said he was disappointed to see the streak end, but proud of his side's achievement.

Mark expects ODI call

Cricket

INTERNET, London

Mark Butcher is hopeful his all-round performance in helping England complete a comprehensive opening Test victory over Zimbabwe will finally convince the selectors that he has the necessary quality to earn his first call-up into the one-day squad.

The Surrey left-hander capped one of his most memorable displays for England by following his superb 137 by also claiming four for 60 to underline his effectiveness as a seam bowler in English conditions.

His timely man-of-the-match efforts were delivered just days before the selectors are due to sit down and discuss candidates for the first one-day squad of Michael Vaughan's reign as the new captain, which will be announced at Lord's this Thursday.

But first he must persuade the Surrey selection committee, who have overlooked both himself and Alec Stewart for their one-day side this season, that he is capable of fulfilling a role for them in Wednesday's C&G Trophy fourth round tie with Somerset in Taunton.

"I'd like to be in the one-day squad, but I have to wait and see if I can get into the Surrey's side for the C&G match and I don't think I'll be playing in that one so it may be difficult to get into the England squad," conceded Butcher.

Federer slips, Serena sails

French Open

REUTERS, Paris

No amount of talent, touch or topspin could save Switzerland's Roger Federer on Monday as the gifted Roland Garros fifth seed fell to Peru's Luis Horna 7-6, 6-2, 7-6 in the biggest shock on day one of the clay-court grand slam.

Touted as a pre-tournament favourite, Federer's French Open nightmare continued as he fell at the first hurdle for the third time in five years.

Horna, making his Roland Garros debut, was well worth his victory, earned in two hours and 11 minutes.

The writing was, perhaps, on the wall for Federer who had looked less than focused as he warmed up for the match several hours before taking to Centre Court.

Hitting in the empty arena before the Stade Roland Garros gates were opened to the public, Federer flicked the ball casually around the court rather than grooving his strokes.

He was made to pay for his relaxed approach by the metronomic determination of Horna who chased and harried his feted opponent throughout.

"Disappointing today... definitely," the Swiss said afterwards. "He didn't play a bad match and I didn't play a good match... the one definitely helps the other, you know?"

Horna, however, was elated. "This is the best feeling I have had in my whole life," said the Peruvian who last month became a father for

the first time.

"I was a bit anxious playing here for the first time but my coach said 'go out there and don't waste the opportunity -- it might not come again'."

"So I played just the way my

coach told me to play and it was perfect."

1998 men's champion Carlos Moya of Spain, who had expected to meet Federer in the quarters, was

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PHOTO: AFP

POWER TENNIS: American Serena Williams makes a backhand return against German Barbara Rittner during their opening round clash of the French Open at Roland Garros yesterday.

Ajay can't play now

Cricket

INTERNET, New Delhi

The New Delhi High Court has on Monday ruled that Ajay Jadedja cannot play domestic cricket while it considers objections from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The former Test cricketer was suspended from all competitive cricket for five years by his national cricket board for match-fixing three years ago.

In May, the court had asked the BCCI to allow Jadedja to play in domestic tournaments.

That request came about after a court-appointed arbitrator ruled in January that the ban should be lifted because the board had never brought specific charges against him.

But the BCCI filed a challenge to that recommendation at the end of April and the High Court says those objections must be considered before Jadedja can play again.

The 32-year-old, a right-handed middle-order batsman and occasional medium-pace bowler, played 15 Tests for India.

But he was regarded as a one-day specialist, featuring for his county on 196 occasions in the shorter game.

Jadedja was among four players who were banned in 2000 by the

Zim need to adjust

INTERNET, London

Zimbabwe skipper Heath Streak said his players struggled in foreign conditions after they were beaten in three days by England at Lord's.

Zimbabwe could offer totals of just 147 and 233 on a slow wicket with movement in the air offering plenty of assistance to England's army of swing bowlers.

"All three days we saw a lot of play and misses and it was one of those wickets where you had to graft hard and hope for a bit of luck," Streak said on Saturday.

"We had a bit of bad luck there when we beat the bat and had a few dropped chances.

"I think the English players' techniques are obviously more accustomed to the conditions and we've got to adjust.

"England were a great example of how to bowl on this wicket."

Streak said Zimbabwe faced a race against time to pick up their game before the second Test at the Riverside, starting on 5 June.

"It was disappointing but we have to look at the example we were set out there and we've got another (tour) game before the next Test," he said.

"We've got to pick ourselves up from this and learn from it before the second Test and give a better fight."

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Patil appointed India A coach

AFP, New Delhi

Kenya's former cricket coach Sandeep Patil was on Monday given charge of India's second-string amid speculation he will eventually take over the senior team from John Wright.

Patil, who opted to leave Kenya after masterminding the minnows' surprise entry into the semi-finals of the recent World Cup, will manage India 'A' on a six-week tour of England starting next month.

The 47-year-old was a member of India's World Cup winning squad in 1983 and served as national coach for a few months in 1996 before being dumped.

His appointment as India 'A' coach just five weeks after quitting his job with Kenya is being seen as the first step towards becoming senior coach after New Zealander Wright's term ends next March.

Patil said he was not surprised at being rehabilitated in India so soon after leaving Kenya.

"I was in regular touch with Indian cricket board president Jagmohan Dalmiya and had conveyed to him my intention to work with Indian players," he said.

"I would have been happy even if I had been given charge of the under-19 team.

SQUAD

Shiv Sundar Das (captain), Hemang Badani (vice-captain), Wasim Jaffer, Gautam Gambhir, Sanjay Parab, Sridharan Sriram, Ambati Rayudu, Rohan Gavaskar, Vijay Bharadwaj, Laxmipathy Balaji, Avishkar Salvi, Irfan Pathan, Amit Bhandari, Murali Kartik, Parthiv Patel and Amit Mishra.

Coach: Sandeep Patil.



MARK BUTCHER

played a domestic one-day match for over a year reducing his chances of representing England at both forms of the game.

"I'd love to play in the one-day side I'm fed up of being the quiz question of being the highest capped Test player never to play a one-day international," he admitted.

"Back in the old days England tended to play the same players in the Test team in the one-day side so