


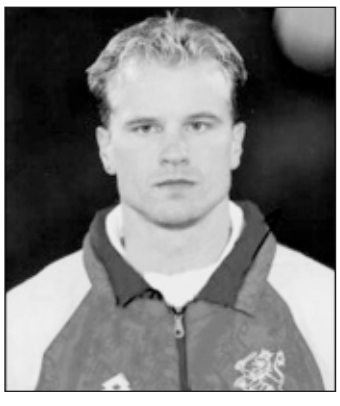


Did U Know?

On June 8, 2002 Serena Williams defeated her older sister, Venus, in straight sets 7-5, 6-3 to capture her first French Open title.



Talk Turkey



Dennis Bergkamp
(Dutch soccer super star)
"I still haven't found any reason to retire. I still feel great physically and mentally, and basically I just love playing football and playing for Arsenal."



What to Watch

ESPN
Western Union World Football
Repeat at 9:30 am
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 11:00 pm

STAR Sports
West Indies vs Sri Lanka
Second ODI
Highlights at 9:00 am
Sportline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
Repeat at 8:30 am



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Competition closes at 8 pm
June 13, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who clinched the national youth hockey title?	Dhaka	BKSP	Dinajpur
2. How many Test matches has Wasim Akram played?	112	104	
3. Who became UEFA Cup champions?	Celtic	Porto	
4. How many Grand Slam titles does Pete Sampras have?	13	14	

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Div I b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Dharmketu Club maintained their all-win record in the Metropolitan First Division Football League beating Eagles Club 81-50 at Dhanmondi Basketball gymnasium yesterday.

It was the 10th consecutive victory for Dharmketu, who dominated the first half 31-24.

Abdullah of Senagal scored 21, Titas 14, Ayub 13 for the winners while Amalendu of India made 24, Suhash 14 and Shakil 4 for the losers.

In the day's other match, Flame Boys Club beat the Wraiths Club 78-66 after leading the first half 42-40 at the same venue.

5 zonal venues named

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday named Noakhali, Sylhet, Sirajganj, Jhenidah and Jamalpur as the five zonal venues for the preliminary round of the third National Football League (NFL).

The venues were finalised by the newly formed NFL tournament committee in its first meeting on Saturday night.

Fifty-five districts have been split up for the preliminary round that has been scheduled to start from June 18. Besides, five service teams, Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Police will also take part in the preliminary round in a separate zone named as 'Seba'.

Winners of the six zones will join

Dhaka giants Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra, Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Arambagh Krira Sangha in the final round.

Following are the 55 districts according to their zones:

NOAKHALI: Chittagong, Bandarban, Cox's Bazar, Noakhali, Feni, Laxmipur, Chandpur, Gazipur, Manikganj, Comilla and Bhola.

SYLHET: Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Sylhet, Narshingdi, Kishoreganj, Netrokona, Mymensingh, Sherpur and Rajbari.

SIRAJGANJ: Kurigram, Chapainawabganj, Sirajganj, Bogra, Joypurhat, Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Kushtia.

JHENIDAH: Jessore, Khulna, Bagerhat, Jhenidah, Satkhira, Chuadanga, Barisal, Barguna, Patuakhali, Jhalakathi, Magura and Pirojpur.

JAMALPUR: Madaripur, Shariyapur, Jamalpur, Gopalganj, Faridpur, Pabna, Gaibandha, Natore, Rangpur, Naogaon, Narayanganj and Tangail.

U-23 camp starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

The week-long residential camp of Bangladesh under-23 cricket team for the upcoming Sri Lanka tour begins at the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) this morning under the supervision of Sri Lankan coach Malcolm Perera.

Seventeen out of 18 players called by the selectors on Friday reported to Perera at the Bangabandhu National Stadium prior to their departure for Savar-based BKSP yesterday evening.

Top order batsman Nazimuddin, who is now in the Australian Cricket Academy, will join the team later.

After the camp, that ends on June 15, the Board will name 15 cricketers for the trip to play five two-day and three one-day matches against different national and club selections that are mostly under-23.

The team is scheduled to fly to Colombo either on June 17 or June 18.



Spanishiard Juan Carlos Ferrero pumps his fist after beating Dutch Martin Verkerk in the French Open final yesterday. PHOTO: ALLSPORT

King Juan Carlos

SPORTINGLIFE, Paris

Juan Carlos Ferrero was out to fulfill his so-called destiny at Roland Garros on Sunday when he faced unheralded Dutchman Martin Verkerk.

The Spaniard has long been regarded as the best clay-courtier in the world, but he had failed to prove that in last year's final, losing to Albert Costa when a hot favourite.

Ferrero was again much-fancied going into this match but he faced a player who had already sent four seeds tumbling out of the tournament.

Using his big serve to full effect, the world number 46 had already beaten clay stars Carlos Moya and Guillermo Coria and was now looking to cap a perfect two weeks by earning another shock win and lifting the trophy.

That serve had already produced 116 aces going into the match and the total ticked over to 117 on only

the second point of the match. It was a lengthy opening game as Verkerk mixed two aces with two double faults.

That helped Ferrero gain five break points and he finally took one, to gain the early advantage.

Verkerk was still struggling to find his big first serve in his next service game, but managed to retrieve a 0-30 situation to stay in contact with his 23-year-old opponent.

With Ferrero's booming forehand and usually-more-suspect backhand both working well off the ground, it was vital that the Dutchman found his best weapon - and fast.

But he was broken for the second time in the match in game five, throwing in two more double faults as his first-serve percentage slumped below 40.

The third seed's own percentage was even lower but he was simply outplaying Verkerk from the back of the court once the rallies began.

An easy hold saw him establish a 5-1 lead.

Ferrero's dominance forced set point in the next game, but Verkerk

produced his best shot of the match so far - a backhand down the line - to save it.

However, he was powerless to stop the Spaniard from establishing a one-set lead two points later when a Ferrero forehand found the line.

Verkerk's serving may well have been affected by the gusting wind around Court Philippe Chatrier, but that didn't look the case when he stepped up in the second set.

A hold to love was his most convincing game so far by a long way, and it included two aces. It also got his army of Dutch fans in the crowd excited.

His trademark fist-pumping was now also to the fore and some power hitting in the third game of the set produced his first break of serve. The Dutchman had the advantage of a break at 2-1.

But no sooner had he looked like getting well and truly into the match, than Verkerk conceded the initiative.

A woeful double fault on break

Eng win series in style

Cricket

AFP, Chester-le-Street

Durham fast bowler Stephen Harmison took a Test-best four for 55 in front of his home crowd as England beat Zimbabwe by an innings and 69 runs in the second Test here Saturday.

Victory, after tea on the third day, gave England the two match series 2-0 in what was the first Test ever played at the Riverside ground in northeast England.

Lancashire quick James Anderson, 20, also took four for 55, to follow up his five for 73 on his Test debut during England's innings and 92 run first Test win against Zimbabwe at Lord's last month.

Only number seven Travis Friend, with 65 not out including 10 fours, offered meaningful resistance after opener Dion Ebrahim made 55.

England, just three wickets away from victory at tea, took the new ball as soon as it was available after 80 overs.

But Zimbabwe, who started the session on 204 for seven 118 runs short of making England bat again briefly hit back through Friend, 37 not out at tea, and Andy Blythe who resumed on one.

However Anderson induced a leading edge from Blythe (12) as he tried to turn the ball legside and England captain Nasser Hussain, running in from mid-off, took a diving catch.

Raymond Price (six) could do little with a rising delivery from Harmison except glove it through to wicket-keeper Alec Stewart and Zimbabwe were 244 for nine.

Harmison, to the crowd's delight, finished the match when he bowled last man Douglas Hondo for four, leaving Zimbabwe all out for 253 as they crashed to a ninth successive

Test defeat.

Zimbabwe had been 113 for three at lunch but lost their next wicket for the same score four balls after the interval.

Grant Flower, the only batsman in Zimbabwe's team with a Test hundred, played on to Anderson for 16.

Wicket-keeper Tatenda Taibu, who top-scored with 31 in Zimbabwe's miserable first innings 94, fell for 14 when he gave a pad-bat catch to Mark Butcher at silly point off left-arm spinner Ashley Giles.

Sean Ervine, dropped on six by Giles at third slip whom he later hit straight for a six and a four batted gamely for 34 in a partnership of 54 with Friend.

But, trying to withdraw his bat, he played on to Harmison and

Zimbabwe were 185 for six.

Zimbabwe's match was summed up when captain Heath Streak was run out for three runs, backing up after Friend saw Harmison drop a return catch off a full toss onto the stumps at the non-striker's end.

Replying to England's 416, Zimbabwe started Saturday on 41 for one with Dion Ebrahim 22 not out and Stuart Carlisle unbeaten on 19.

Anderson made the breakthrough when he had Carlisle (28) caught off bat and pad by short leg Robert Key leaving Zimbabwe 65 for two.

Ebrahim, dropped on 34 by Giles off Anderson, then brought up his second fifty of the series, to add to the 68 he made at Lord's.

But that was little consolation for Zimbabwe as they were outclassed once again.



England fast bowler Steve Harmison successfully appeals for an lbw decision against Zimbabwe opener Dion Ebrahim on the third day of the second and last Test at the Riverside on June 7. PHOTO: AFP

NAT'L CAMP SHIFTS TO CAPITAL

Meanwhile, the national cricket camp for the Australia tour, returned to the capital from the country's lone sports institute.

The twenty cricketers called up for the camp will have practice at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today with new Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore taking a keen interest.

Apart from 20 cricketers drafted by the selectors, two more players joined the camp to assist the practice. They are middle-order batsman Mazharul Haque and veteran medium-paceer Hasibul Hossain.

Windies 197/3

STAR SPORT MONITOR

West Indies were on course for building up a formidable total as they scored 197 for three in 40 overs against Sri Lanka after captain Brian Lara decided to bat in the second one-day international at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown yesterday.

Lara was playing on 55 off 75 balls while a rampant Marlon Samuels was at the other end who made 22 off just 10 deliveries.

Earlier, opener Chris Gayle laid the foundation with a solid 94 from 125 balls that included a dozen of fours and two mighty sixes. His opening partner Wavell Hinds managed only 10.

The West Indies made one change from the team that lost the first match as they included Ryan Hurley in place of seamer David Bernard.

Sri Lanka replaced seamer Darshana Gamage with spinner Upul Chandana.

TEAMS
SRI LANKA: Marvan Atapattu, Sanath Jayasuriya, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Kumar Dharma sena.

Hayden, Pollock top cricketers

Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

Fast bowlers Chaminda Vaas and Prabhath Nissanka shared four early wickets to set up Sri Lanka's 55-run win over the West Indies in the opening one-day international here on Saturday.

Vaas finished with 2-16 and Nissanka 2-27 as Sri Lanka defended their modest total of 201 by bundling the West Indies out for 146 to gain a 1-0 lead in the three-match series at the Kensington Oval.

Off-spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan completed the job after the pacemen had reduced the West Indies to a miserable 19-4. He troubled the batsmen with his turn and bounce to bag 3-17 off seven overs.

Opener Romesh Kaluwitharana was the other Sri Lankan hero, top-scoring with a gutsy 54 under pressure for his 23rd half-century.

The West Indies, fresh from a recent hat-trick of victories against World Cup champions Australia at home, failed to keep the momentum as they found the Sri Lankan new-ball bowlers too hot to handle.

Vaas and Nissanka sliced through the West Indies top order in their opening spells, virtually putting their team in a winning position before a brief interruption due to rain.

"The opening spells by Vaas and Nissanka were the key," said Sri Lankan skipper Marvan Atapattu.

"We always had faith in our spinners, especially Muralitharan. But I think we didn't bat up to expectations. The batting is still worrying us."

Skipper Brian Lara top-scored with a defiant 64 not out, but his team rarely threatened to take the

SL pace puzzles WI

match away from the tourists after early setbacks. He received no support from the other end as wickets continued to tumble.

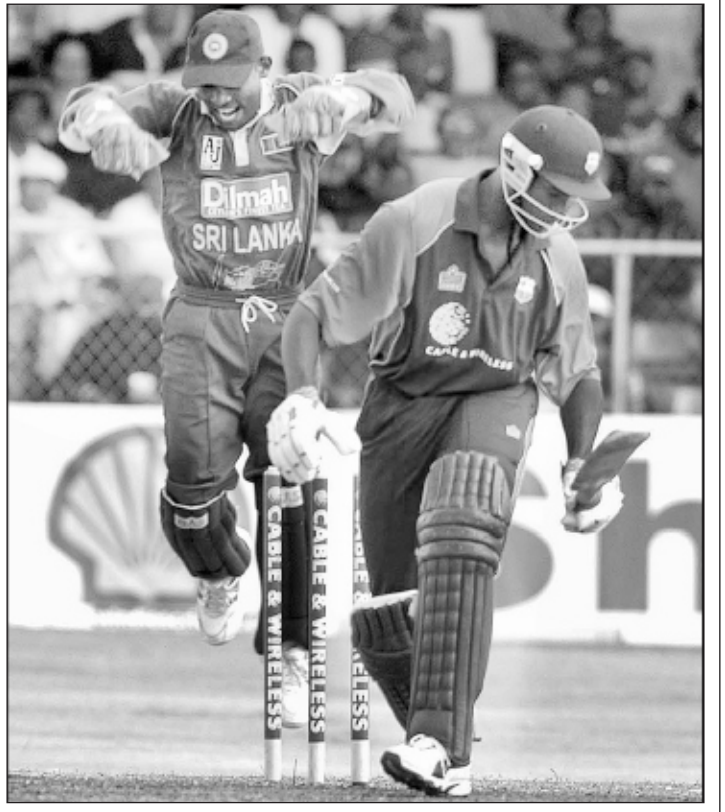
"Our bowlers did a good job, but we couldn't make it," said Lara, who batted at five instead of his regular number three position.

"We'll try to come back as there

are still two more games to go. We'll try to win both the games."

Muralitharan said he was happy with his performance, but his team would have to find ways to contain Lara.

"It was good the wicket helped the spinners in the later part of the



Sri Lanka wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana jumps for joy seeing the balls of West Indies' David Bernard dislodged by off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan during the first one-day international at the Kensington Oval on June 7. PHOTO: AFP

Scots scare Pakistan

REUTERS/AFP, Glasgow

Pakistan were given an almighty fright by the minnows of Scotland in their tour opener here on Saturday.

Rashed Latif's side, set 169 to win the one-day match, scraped home with just one wicket to spare and the Pakistan skipper paid tribute to the way Scotland had tested his side.

"Kenya and Bangladesh have been given one-day status and I think there should be a place for Scotland in international cricket as well," said the skipper.

"They made it very tough for us but that was no surprise. We know how well they have been doing this season."

Pakistan were without pace bowlers Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami but Latif insisted the tourists had taken Scotland seriously.

"I'm not worried about our bowling and know what Shoaib and Sami can do but it is our batting that is a concern. The conditions probably helped Scotland but they deserve credit for using them."

Scotland skipper Craig Wright was bitterly disappointed not to have claimed Pakistan's scalp.

"We showed as we have done a few times this season that we can be competitive against quality opposition and I hope people are sitting up and taking notice."

"It's been a bit of a recurring theme that we've been about 20 or 30 runs short in some games but even 10 more might have been enough today."

"It's frustrating to lose but pleasing to push them so close."

Pakistan, who arrived in Britain on Thursday, play Essex at Chelmsford on Monday in another one-day match as part of their preparation for a three-match one-day series against England, starting June 17 at Old Trafford, Manchester.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the one-day tour match between Scotland and Pakistan on Saturday:

SCOTLAND
Watson c Younis b Shabbir 2
Williamson st Latif b Malik 36
David c Latif b Shabbir 0

India gain revenge

Hockey

AFP, Sydney

India ended their two-week Australian tour on a high note Sunday, beating the host nation convincingly 5-3 in the final of a men's field hockey tri-nations tournament here.

Goals by Jugraj Singh, Gagan Ajit Singh, Prabot Singh (two) and Baljit Singh Dhillon enabled India to avenge a last-minute 2-1 loss to the Kookaburras in the final of a tournament in Perth a week earlier.

Even a second-half hat-trick by Troy Elder was not enough to rescue the home side, who paid dearly for lax defending.

The Indians grew in stature throughout the tournament, saving their best performance for last.

They set up the win in a three-goal, eight-minute stretch either side of half-time.

India led 2-0 at half-time with goals by Jugraj Singh in the 29th minute and Gagan Ajit Singh two minutes later and increased the margin when Prabhot Singh scored three minutes after the interval.

Elder scored in the 45th and 55th minutes to reduce the margin to 3-2, but his third goal from a penalty corner in injury time only added respectability after Prabhot Singh (64th) and Baljit Singh Dhillon (65th) both scored in the last 10 minutes.

Australian coach Barry Dancer was disappointed with the result.

"We played well in the first 15 minutes and lost our way in the midfield and again failed to stop their counter-attacks for the second goal," he said.

"I was confident at half-time we could dig our way out, but two goals in a minute and big errors at the back cost us in the end."

Indian captain Dhanraj Pillay was in brilliant form, making the final pass for three of India's first four goals and displaying the composure and experience that has earned him a world record 366 international caps.

AUS UPSET PAKISTAN
In the play-off for third in the tournament, Australia A beat Pakistan 5-2.

Strikers Nathan Eglinton and



India's Gagan Ajit Singh celebrates after netting the ball past the Australian custodian Stephen Lambert during their tri-nations hockey final clash in Sydney yesterday. PHOTO: AFP