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Behave yourself

The Daily Star

the fact that it is possible to win from

the baseline," he said of the Swede

n a gripping final, Agassi fell in love

its own place in tennis. Wimbledon

makes the grass more than the

grass makes Wimbledon," Agassi

said, insisting the slower surface

making side of the game. I have

always believed you can win on

stunning career drawing in, Agassi

still believes he has the game to add

more titles to his already-bulging

that if I play my tennis on the day I

can still win. As long as I can still do

it. I have a responsibility to the game

although it is difficult sometimes,

those are my challenges," he

choose not to do this any more'

how it goes when I am doing it.'

BKSP Green

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How it ends it less important that

In the day's other match, Barisal Division assured their place in the

ast four from Group A beating

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"I take a lot of pride from the fact

"The desire is still there and

But even with the twilight of a

grass from the back of the court."

"Grass highlights the shot-

Having beaten Goran Ivanisevic

"Wimbledon has its own magic

no won five Wimbledon titles.

with the place, grass and all.

now favours the baseliners.

trophy cabinet.

and to myself," he said.

Hewitt pulls through

Tennis

AFP, London

World number one Lleyton Hewitt had to dig deep to keep alive his dream of winning a record fourth consecutive title here at Queen's Club Wednesday, holding off the determined challenge of Dutchman Raemon Sluiter.

Hewitt looked out of sorts throughout long periods of the match and will be mightily relieved to take his place in the third round after his 7-6, 3-6, 7-6 win

"I knew it was going to be a tough match when I first heard the draw, and I am happy not to have lost, said Wimbledon champion Hewitt.

"He dave me a real run for my money and he looked like he already played a game on grass the way he was moving around the court.

"I thought he played really well and would have chewed up a hell of a lot of good players.

The first set was a real struggle and although the Australian survived to win the tie-break, it was no surprise to see the Sluiter take the second 6-3 in just 31 minutes.

Sluiter beat Hewitt in Stockholm last year, and after reaching the semi-final here in 2002, where he lost to Tim Henman, the Dutchman was clearly confident of causing a maior upset.

The third set proved equally nervy, with both men feeling the pressure. Hewitt was first to find the breakthrough but serving for the match, he made a rash of unforced errors as Sluiter broke back for 5-5.

Both players had chances to win the set outright, but neither had the courage to make the most of their opportunities and a tie-break was needed to settle the match.

An unforced error from Sluiter on the first point gave Hewitt the break and he quickly established a 6-0 lead. Sluiter did fight back but he was unable to recover sufficiently and lost 7-3.

Briton Greg Rusedski made short work of Moroccan Hicham Arazi, coasting to a 6-4, 6-4 win in little over an hour to set up a mouthwatering third-round tie with American Andy Roddick.

Rusedski broke in the opening game and looked assured as he closed out the set, although he afterwards insisted he had not been

trying to repeat the shot to leave his

Sarwan steadied the innings with a

45-run stand for the fourth wicket

before off-spinner Muttiah

Muralitharan struck to give a scare

Muralitharan had Sarwan (25)

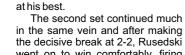
Samuels and Ramnaresh

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to the West Indies

team struggling at 54-2.

Some solace



down 15 aces.

went on to win comfortably, firing

After a first-ever win on the ATF on Tuesday, 19-year-old Briton Alex Bogdanovic blew a golden opportunity to progress to the third round, wasting six match-points against renchman Anthony Dupuis.

Bogdanovic won the first set 6-3 but struggled in the second and

ironically, it was a missed smash by Bogdanovic which eventually handed his opponent the win afte more than two and a half hours.

Frenchman Cyril Saulnier saw off big Max Mirnyi of Belarus 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 to set up a match with home favourite Tim Henman in the next round.

Eleventh seed Taylor Dent won an all-American affair beating compatriot Cecil Mamiit 6-4, 6-4 to set up a third-round tie with Dutchman Sjeng Schalken who

Tennis

AFP, Birmingham

Russian teenager Maria Sharapova, who is already being hailed as the new Anna Kournikova, found herself at the centre of controversy here on Wednesday when she was warned to silence her oncourt screams.

The 16-year-old defeated fifth seed Nathalie Dechy 6-3, 6-2 in the second round of the 170,00-dollar WTA event but her French opponent complained to the umpire over the Russian's habit of screaming every time she hit a shot.

"There is a rule. You are not supposed to scream like that," Dechy said

Tour supervisor Donna Kelso told the BBC: "I asked Miss Sharapova if she could be a little bit quieter, without wanting to disrupt her game.

"There was no difference to the level of her play but there was a little less noise.

However Sharapova said the grunting and groaning were part of ner natural game

"Dechy told the umpire I was grunting and she didn't like it. It's a natural instinct - I've been doing it all my life."

BBC ONLINE, London

OBEs

Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier

and Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger



MARIA SHARAPOVA

School chess Wenger, Houllier SPORTS REPORTER **OBE recipients** The Standard Chartered Bank School Chess Tournament will start at the NSC chess room on July 2.

became manager of Arsenal in 1996.

Wenger added: "The working environment at Arsenal is fantastic club, everyone has been fully supportive and given me a huge amount

have been awarded honorary The two Frenchmen were hon-

Houllier said: "To be given such an award is a great, great honour and to be recognised in this way at the same time as my good friend Arsène Wenger makes it even more



Agassi's ambition

Tennis

AFP, London

Andre Agassi has vowed to go all out to win a second Wimbledon crown 11 years after he claimed the first of the eight Grand Slam titles he has clocked up during a 17-year

"I am really looking forward to it. That's why I am here, and I am hoping to get better every day," said the American at the 860,000-dollar Queen's Club ATP event in West London

"When you play on grass it does take some time to feel comfortable and I am not quite there yet," Agassi added, with a trip to Wimbledon less than two weeks away.

"But to be back out there on the Sunday and to win would be the best one for me ever.

After initial reluctance to even enter the tournament, Agassi admits he soon realised the significance of playing at the All England club.

added "After my first time here I swore As for retirement, Agassi I'd never be back, but growing up nsists he is concentrating only on gave me more awareness of the the present place Wimbledon has in the great would like it to unfold on its sport of tennis and to miss out on it own, but taking a guess, I would was my loss," he said, reflecting on say that one day I will just wake up a decision to miss four out of six and says 'that's it, I either can't or

Wimbledons before his 1992 win. "To start with I didn't have any desire to be on grass, I didn't think it was real tennis and I was convinced it was a surface I couldn't do well on," he added.

"But as you get older you begin to realise what it means to the sport and what it means to your career

and the challenges it presents." Agassi also revealed that despite having reservations about his ability to succeed on the unfamiliar surface, he drew inspiration from a egend of the grass courts.

'My game was not really designed for this surface but what Bjorn Borg did made me aware of

scored by Jewel. Dhaka Division played out a oneall draw with BKSP Red team to stay in contention for a semifinal spot. Sentu put BKSP red side ahead Zahid restored parity for while Dhaka Division.

Football PHOTO: AFF

Lleyton Hewitt in action against Belgian Dick Norman at the Stella Artois Championship in London yesterday.

The match swung both ways in the deciding set but it looked to be all over for Dupuis at 5-6, 0-40. However, the young Briton's

nerve failed him and three matchpoints were saved, forcing yet

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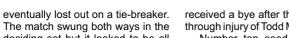
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another tie-break. Both men had chances to win it, Dupuis missing a routine overhead



which would have sealed it, but,

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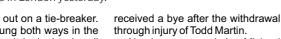
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Number ten seed Jan-Michael Gambill also exited the tournament. losing in straight sets to Australian

Todd Reid while former Wimbledon oured in recognition of their out-standing contribution to British champion Richard Krajicek, of the Netherlands, booked his place in football the third round with a three-set win over Czech player Jan Vacek, winning 7-5, 2-6, 6-3

Highbury, as well as a third FA Cup victory last season Houllier, meanwhile, led Navratilova to

- play singles BBC ONLINE, London Nine-time Wimbledon champion
- Martina Navratilova will play singles at the Hastings Direct International in Fastbourne next week The 46-year-old has requested a singles wild card in order to gain
- extra practice on grass ahead of playing doubles at Wimbledon. made a singles

It will be open to all school stu-dents and no entry fee is required.

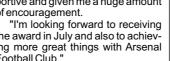
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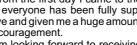
of encouragement. the award in July and also to achiev-

Wenger has won two 'Doubles' n 1998 and 2002 - in his time at

special

"I am very proud to be consid-





ing more great things with Arsenal Football Club."

interview, Pollock was keen to offer his

taincy, so he needs plenty of room. But I will offer help where it's needed."

Meanwhile, Boeta Dippenaar has been drafted into South Africa's onedav squad as a replacement for the injured batsman Neil McKenzie.

McKenzie, who damaged a disc in his lower back during South Africa's victory over Bangladesh last month, has been ruled out of the NatWest Series, but still hopes to recover in time for the first Test at Edgbaston on July

"Boeta was the logical choice, he has been in the mix for a number of years and has performed well," said Omar Henry, South Africa's chairman of selectors. "This is another opportunity for him to nail down a place i

Interested students have been asked to enroll before June 26 at the Bangladesh Chess Federation office. Shaun FROM PAGE 13 again. He is a match-winner, and I believe he has a lot left in his armoury." Despite the difference of opinion between Pollock and Graeme Smith, the new captain who reportedly criticised Klusener's attitude in a breakfast

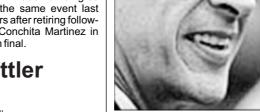
> support to Smith as well. "Graeme's got to try and do things his own way," said Pollock adding, "particularly at the start of his cap-

WEST INDIES caught by Sanath Jayasuriya to reduce the hosts to 126-4 Samuels then made sure of his team's victory with a couple of big shots at the right time, punishing leg-spinner Chandana for two sixes in an over SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the third and final one-day international between the West Indies and Sri Lanka on Wednesdav **SRI LANKA** Javasuriya run out 8 Kaluwitharana c Lara b Collymore 14 Atapattu c Hurley b Taylor 25 Sangakkara c Lara b Hurley 11 Chandana lbw b Taylor 33 51 Jayawardene b Collymore Dilshan c and b Samuels 0 D'sena c Samuels b Collymore 21 Vaas run out 6 Muralitharan b Gayle Gamage not out 2 Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-11) 16

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Vaas	8	1	25	1	title on home soil ended on
Gamage	3.5	0	27	0	Wednesday when he lost to Czech
M'tharan	9	1	26	1	Radek Stepanek in the Halle Open second round.
D'sena	7	0	27	1	The second-seeded German
Chandana	4	0	25	1	saved two match points to force the
Dilshan	1	0	6	0	match into a deciding set, but Stepanek recovered to clinch a 6-4,
Jayasuriya	4	0	20	0	6-7, 6-3 victory.
Result: West Indies win by six				"My best shot is my return and I	
wickets (D/L	metho	d)	and	Sri	didn't return well enough today," Schuettler said. "He (Stepanek) has
Lanka win series 2-1.				a good serve and it's tough to win on	
Man-of-the-match: Marlon				grass if you're not returning well."	
Samuels.				Stepanek, who came into the	
Man-of-the-series: Marlon Samuels.				event with a career-high ranking of 40, plays another home favourite, Nicolas Kiefer, in the quarterfinals.	



ARSENE WENGER

Liverpool to a treble trophy haul in the UEFA, FA and Worthington Cups in 2001, and made it five trophies in a year by adding the European Super Cup and Charity Shield.

liverpool also won the Worthington Cup again last season. The pair will be presented with

their awards by the Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, at a ceremony at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 9 July.

Wenger, 53, was delighted to be honoured and paid tribute to the players and staff at Arsenal.

"I am extremely proud and pleasantly surprised," he said.

"It is a great honour to be given this individual award, but as football is a team sport, I must give a great deal of credit and recognition to everyone that has helped me since I

GERARD HOULLIER ered worthy of such a prestigious

award. "This award is for Liverpool Football Club, the city of Liverpool and the fans who have always served as an inspiration to me." Houllier. 55. said that he should

"Anything I have given to football

This accolade is an opportunity

in this country has been down to

them and the wonderful working

relationship we have here at

Liverpool Football Club," he added.

for Arsène and I to stress how lucky

and grateful we are to work in this

country in jobs that we love, with

people we like very much and

respect.'

share the honour with everyone "who has Liverpool in their heart" and thanked his players, backroom staff, chairman David Moores and chief executive Rick Parry.

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playing hours. The three group winners and the

best runners-up from England's 18 first-class counties will go forward to finals day at Trent Bridge, Nottingham on July 19.

Twenty20 is due to run, initially for at least three years and replaces the Benson and Hedges Cup which ended last season ahead of a British Government ban on tobacco companies sponsoring sporting events.



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Tennis roof.

REUTERS, Halle

Day one at Wimbledon and a huge crowd gathers at the world's most famous tennis tournament. It rains. All day. Everyone goes home.

The unpredictable British weather is the bane of players and spectators alike during Wimbledon fortnight but if the organisers were to follow the example of a small grasscourt tournament in Germany, their problems could be solved.

The Halle Open, which began in 1993, is held in the same week as the Stella Artois Championships at London's Queen's Club. It attracted Pete Sampras in 2002 while Andre Agassi, Roger Federer and Yevgeny Kafelnikov have also played there.

Why? Because of its retractable

The roof at Halle was built in 1994 and it allows play to continue almost immediately when the rain comes down.

Frank Hofen, the Halle Open media director, said the tournament's reputation is largely based on its roof.

"It was necessary for the success because you can guarantee matches for the television schedul-

"Players know there will be matches played, despite the weather. You can't guarantee good weather in this region.

The show court at the Australian Open in Melbourne has a roof and Cardiff's Millennium Stadium, venue for soccer and rugby matches, has one too. The FA Cup final, the peak of the English soccer season, was played under it in May

one-day team.