

Gaibandha handball

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Abahani Club defeated Sadullapur Upazila 4-3 and Jubo Sangsad defeated Azad Sporting 8-6 in the inaugural matches of the Gaibandha CUTE Handball League at Islamia High School ground yesterday.

Anderson

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SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the second one-day international between England and Pakistan at The Oval on Friday:

PAKISTAN			
I Nazir lbw b Anderson	0		
M Hafeez lbw b Flintoff	4		
Y Hameed b Gough	28		
Y Youhana not out	75		
Y Khan c Read b Gough	0		
S Malik run out	2		
R Latif c Solanki b McGrath	3		
A Mahmood c Solanki b Clarke	30		
A Razaq c Trescottick b Anderson	17		
S Akhtar c Read b Anderson	0		
M Sami b Anderson	0		
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-3, w-11)	16		
Total: (All out in 44 overs)	185		
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-37, 3-61, 4-61, 5-73, 6-80, 7-152, 8-185, 9-185, 10-185.			

Bowler				
Anderson	9	2	27	4
Gough	7	1	28	2
Flintoff	8	1	36	1
McGrath	10	1	40	1
Giles	5	0	22	0
Clarke	5	0	30	1

ENGLAND			
M Trescottick c Latif b Razaq	86		
V Solanki not out	40		
M Vaughan c Younis b Shoaib	10		
J Troughton c Latif b Shoaib	0		
A Flintoff not out	26		
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-5, w-14)	27		
Total: (For 3 wickets in 22 overs)	189		
Fall of wickets: 1-109, 2-143, 3-147			
Did not bat: A McGrath, R Clarke, C Read, A Giles, D Gough, J Anderson.			

Bowler				
Shoaib	9	0	69	2
Sami	3	0	25	0
Azhar	3	0	35	0
Hafeez	2	0	19	0
Razaq	5	0	33	1

Toss: Pakistan
Result: England won by seven wickets.
Man-of-the-match: M Trescottick.

Series: Series level at 1-1.
Umpires: Darrell Hair (AUS), Neil Mallender (ENG)
Third umpire: Jeremy Lloyds (ENG)

Match referee: Gundappa Viswanath (IND)
Only Yousef Youhana, 75 not out off 102 balls, including five fours and Azhar, 30, made it out of the 20s, the pair putting on 76 for the sixth wicket after Pakistan slumped to 73 for five. Anderson's hat-trick started midway through the 44th over when he had Razaq (17) caught at mid-off by Trescottick.

Next ball Shoaib was caught behind by wicketkeeper Chris Read before last man Mohammad Sami was bowled by a rapid yorker.

BD youths shot

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Rajin c Tharanga b Kulasekera	4		
Salim b Manoj	0		
Arman not out	9		
Alamgir b Rasanga	1		
Talha c Kularatne b Kulasekera	1		
Enamul jr c De Silva b Manoj	3		
Gazil lbw b Nawala	3		
Extras (nb-3, w-9)	12		
Total: (All out in 21.3 overs)	49		
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-14, 3-15, 4-21, 5-21, 6-26, 7-32, 8-35, 9-41.			

Bowler				
Manoj	7	2	9	6
Rasanga	7	1	24	1
Kulasekera	6	1	12	2
Nawala	1.3	0	4	1

Result: Sri Lanka under-19 won by 121 runs.

Ranatunga against split captaincy



CRICINFO, Colombo

Former Sri Lankan cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga has bemoaned the decision to appoint two separate captains for Test and one-day cricket.

Ranatunga also criticised the selectors for not consulting Marvan Atapattu, the current one-day captain, who they believed, would be overburdened by the responsibility of handling both jobs at the outset.

"I vehemently object to having two captains for the national team," said Ranatunga.

"If Marvan (Atapattu) was not good enough for the (Test) captaincy then they should have handed it to someone who could have handled both. I think the selectors should have consulted Marvan on the issue."

"If you look at the last two one-day international championships (in Sharjah and Dambulla), where we failed to make it to the final, the problem was not the captaincy issue but the fact they were not given a proper team. Avishka Gunawardene, Romesh Kaluwitharana and even Upul

Chandana, who made useful contributions in the Caribbean, were not given the nod when they were in good touch."

Ranatunga doesn't doubt the captaincy skills of his former colleague, Hashan Tillakaratne, but he believes that he should have been given a chance earlier instead of Sanath Jayasuriya, who was

"Actually, I am very happy with the way things went," he claimed.

"I came forward to prove a point, which many people did not want to accept. But the man on the street understood. I chose to bell the cat, which in future will be an example to BCCSL aspirants."

"Experience has shown how an organised group is influencing the BCCSL affairs. It culminated on June 6 when the election was held. I don't think with this situation and single good cricketer or administrator would want to come forward."

"The situation is such that even if you led Sri Lanka to five world crowns, you cannot win the BCCSL election. It is very hard to beat them. If Ranil Wickremasinghe, the Prime Minister, had contested, he would have lost too."

Defiant to the end, Ranatunga pledged to continue his battle.

"I think the general public is aware of the corrupted system and I will continue to expose these things in the future as well."

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ARJUNA RANATUNGA

appointed after Ranatunga's sacking.

"I don't say that Hashan is not fit for the captaincy," he says.

"He should have been made captain in 1999."

Eto silences samba

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Idriss Kameni. And, left with only six of the side which won the World Cup in Asia, Parreira had his work cut out.

The game got off to a dramatic start when Jean Joel Perrier Ndoumbe was taken off for treatment after the boot of Brazil number nine Adriano, who had cleared the ball away clearly beforehand, left a gaping wound pouring blood from the Cameroon defender's head.

Ndoumbe soon returned with stitches in his head, and Cameroon seemed inspired as they poured forward.

However the first half, except for a few near chances for both teams, never really got going. Cameroon's midfield tactics proved frustrating for the World Cup holders in the first half - a fact which Parreira openly acknowledged.

"We knew that Cameroon would be a difficult team to play against. They've got quality players and in the end deserved victory," said Parreira.

"They defended well against us,

especially in the first half where we lacked speed and penetration."

Cameroon kicked off the second half in more positive fashion and went on to dominate.

They won a freekick almost immediately which caused some confusion in the Brazil box before the ball was cleared.

Cameroon winger Geremi then floated in a delightful cross from the edge of the box with the outside of his foot although there were no takers.

Eto'o, who looked spritely throughout the match, then robbed the ball in midfield before running down on goal only to be thwarted by Brazil's defence.

Eto'o was again instrumental in the 62nd minute when his pacy run down the left was followed by a close-range shot which forced Dida into evasive action again.

Moments later Brazil had a penalty claim waved away by Russian referee Valentin Ivanov when Gil clumped to the floor under a defensive challenge in the box.

Brazil then replaced Adriano with

llan in a bid to freshen up the attack but Cameroon looked the more likely side to score.

In the 74th minute Eto'o ran on to a through ball that had been robbed from Brazil in the midfield but close marking meant the striker could only send a weak shot towards Dida.

Minutes later Eto'o's determination paid off when a poor clear-out from Dida was met by a strong Cameroon head from the midfield, propulsing the ball into the Real Mallorca forward's path.

Eto'o outran the Brazil defence to volley the ball into the roof of the net from 20 yards out, leaving a flailing Dida stunned, and Brazil bottom of Group B.

Parreira admitted: "We know that in such a small tournament it's essential to win the first game. Now we must go on to win our next two matches if we have a hope of getting to the final."

"We have to keep our heads up."

Rating chess

UNB, Dhaka

The FIDE Rating Chess Tournament began National Sports Council NSC chessroom yesterday.

In the first round, Grand Master Ziaur Raham beat Evana, International Master Enaul Hossain Rajib beat Saima, FIDE Master Taibur Raham Sumon beat Rauf, top-rated Saifuddin Lavlu beat Shibly, Nasir beat Nazre, FIDE Master Abu Sufian Shakil upset GM Niaz Murshed, rated player Sawkat Hossain Pallab beat Sharif, Malek beat Uzzal, Chanchal beat Mokaddes, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon beat Kashem, Mehdi Hasan Parag beat Parveej and Arman beat Hira.

A total of 121 players are taking part in the open tourney. The second round starts at 4pm.

Office cricket

GrameenPhone

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SPORTS REPORTER

GrameenPhone won the Office Cup cricket final beating Pan Pacific Hotel Sonargaon by 59 runs at the Old DOHS Sports Club ground yesterday.

After the match State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman gave away the trophies. Arafat Rahman, chairman of the Bangladesh Cricket Board's Development Committee, was the special guest.

SCORES IN BRIEF
GRAMEENPHONE: 142-8 in 30 overs (Enamul Hoque 47; Halim Shah 3-17)

HOTEL SONARGAON: 83 in 25 overs (Halim Shah 23; Rashedul H Sumon 4-12)

Result: GrameenPhone won by 59 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Enamul Hoque.

Div II h'ball

BSS, Dhaka

Orient Sporting Club outplayed YDP Handball Club 28-8 in the Leo Pump Second Handball League yesterday.

They led the first half 17-7. Orient added 11 goals to the total after the break while YDP Club could manage only one goal during the second half.

Mamun scored 11 and Tamal followed him with six goals for the winners.

In other match of the day, Old Bandura Nabin Setu Sangha edged past Bangladesh Boys 19-15.

The winners dominated the first session 13-10.

Milon struck eight goals for the winners while Bappy netted six for Bangladesh Boys.

40 Khans for the future!

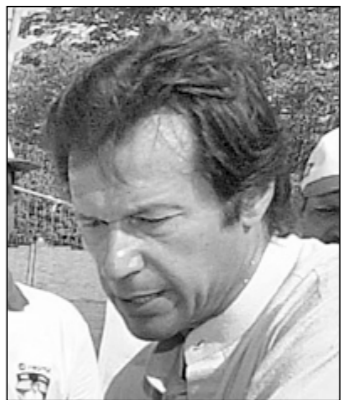


AFP, Islamabad

Cricket legend Imran Khan Friday said he was hopeful he could give Pakistan 40 world-class cricketers if the country had a proper coaching system and improved first-class structure.

"I have taken time out of politics to help Pakistan nurture talent and hope that the nine regional clinics would give at least 40 good cricketers to country in the near future," said Khan, who played 88 Tests and 175 one-day games for Pakistan.

Khan, now a member of Pakistan's parliament as head of his party Movement for Justice, was speaking to the trainees of the Pakistan Cricket Board's regional coaching clinic in the nearby Rawalpindi city.



IMRAN KHAN

Full of memories



AFP, London

This year's Wimbledon will see the 117th men's and the 110th women's championships contested before around half a million spectators at the All England Club - which itself only has some 400 members.

It's all a far cry from the first Wimbledon Championships, held at the old Worple Road ground in southwest London in 1877.

On that occasion just 200 people watched 22 players battle it out for the first men's title. The vast majority had to stand.

This year will see the champions reap richer rewards with 965,000 dollars on offer to the men's winner and 899,000 for his female counterpart following a 9.5 per cent increase in prizemoney over 2002.

It has grown to become one of the biggest events in the world sports calendar.

Highlights of the last 15 Wimbledon:
1988: Steffi Graf defeats Martina Navratilova in the final en route to completing the Grand Slam and Olympic games sweep.

1989: Rain forces the men's and women's finals to be played on the same day for the first time in the 'open' era.

1990: An Act of Parliament rules the centre-court standing section must become a seating area. Ground capacity is fixed at 28,000. A bomb scare stops play on centre-court on the first Saturday. Martina Navratilova wins her ninth women's singles title - an all-time record.

1991: After the wettest-ever first

week in which only 52 out of 240 scheduled matches are played, there is play on the first Sunday, traditionally a rest day.

1992: Andre Agassi wins the men's title beating Croatian Goran Ivanisevic in five sets. John McEnroe and Michael Stich beat Americans Jim Grabb and Richey Reneberg 5-7, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6, 19-17 in 301 minutes - the longest-ever men's doubles final.

1993: The 100th women's singles final is won by Steffi Graf, who beats Czech Jana Novotna 7-6, 1-6, 6-4.

1994: Canadian-born French player Mary Pierce withdraws before the Championships start because British tabloid newspapers threaten to smuggle her banned and estranged father Jim into the grounds. Steffi Graf loses in the first round and Conchita Martinez shocks an ageing Navratilova in the final.

1995: Pete Sampras chucks up third consecutive men's singles victory by beating Boris Becker in four sets.

1996: Dutchman Richard Krajicek beats American MalVai Washington for the men's title after a tournament of upsets. Wimbledon experiences its first centre-court 'streaker' before the men's final. Martina Hingis becomes the youngest-ever Wimbledon title winner at the age of 15 years 282 days when she triumphs in the women's doubles alongside Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic.

1997: Hingis takes the women's singles title for the first time while Sampras adds a fourth crown, defeating Frenchman Cedric Pioline.

1998: Soccer's World Cup in

train all these youngsters, so I took help from other former players and they have cut short the number for me and I am sure I would be able to guide them to international cricket.

"Pakistan can produce quality cricketers through a proper system and an improved first class structure, but to become a cricketer of international repute one needs to work hard and there are no short cuts," said Khan, a former Pakistan captain and top all rounder.

Khan stressed to the trainees the importance of having courage.

"Cricket is the game for brave persons. Those batsmen who fear to face any fast bowler and those bowlers who also avoid to facing any particular batsman cannot become a world class cricketer.

"Fight till the last moment and don't accept defeat at any cost," said Khan, who through this approach led Pakistan to World Cup title in 1992.

France provided a distraction but not to Sampras, who bagged his fifth title with a five-set win over Ivanisevic. After two disappointments Novotna defeats Frenchwoman Nathalie Tauziat to lift the women's crown.

1999: Sampras makes it six titles with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 win over US rival and French Open champion Andre Agassi.

Lindsay Davenport makes it a US double as she wins the women's crown for the first time, ousting Steffi Graf 6-4, 7-5.

2000: Wimbledon belongs to Sampras as he beats Pat Rafter of Australia in a rain-interrupted final for a record 13th Grand Slam singles title, one more than Australian Roy Emerson. His seventh crown in eight years also ties Pistol Pete with 19th century hero William Renshaw.

Venus Williams won the women's crown at Davenport's expense, only the second black woman ever to win the event and four decades on from Althea Gibson in 1957-58.

Venus also won the doubles with sister Serena, whom she beat in the singles semis.

2001: Ivanisevic finally lands the title, beating Pat Rafter of Australia in a thrilling five-set Monday final and Venus Williams beats Justine Henin of Belgium in three sets to defend her title.

2002: Leyton Hewitt becomes first Australian champion since Pat Cash in 1987 beating David Nalbandian of Argentina in straight sets. Serena Williams meanwhile ousts Venus - just as she had at the French Open.



PHOTO: STAR
Action from yesterday's Club Cup hockey tournament clash between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Wari Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

Bangladesh to face

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13-man one-day team are Michael Clarke, Jimmy Maher and Nathan Hauritz, who all toured the Caribbean.

Hohns said no player has been placed on stand-by and refused to be drawn on whether Clarke had the inside running if Martyn is unfit.

"There's no-one on stand-by and I won't even speculate on that," Hohns said, adding there was no contradiction in naming Martyn in the one-day side but not the Test team.

"His fitness for the Test matches had already been decided by the medics," Hohns said.

"They examined him and ruled him out of the Test series."

"The medical staff are concerned with his lack of preparation, and at this stage were committed to making sure Damien gets himself 100 per cent right."

"What they have done is give him some extra time to be fit for the one-day series."

In Martyn's absence from the Test squad, Love retains his place but looks ready to play second fiddle to Darren Lehmann.

The decision to keep wrist spinners MacGill and Hogg in the squad suggested the Australian selectors

were uncertain about the nature of the drop-in pitch to be used in Darwin or the seldom-used wicket in Cairns.

The two bowlers successfully combined in the first two Tests against the West Indies when Australia used five specialist bowlers to ensure the retention of the Frank Worrell Trophy.

Bangladesh arrive in Australia next week and will play build-up games against the Queensland Academy of Sport, an Australian Academy XI and the Northern Territory Chief Minister's XI ahead of the first Test in Darwin starting on July 18.

TEST SQUAD: Stephen Waugh (captain), Ricky Ponting (vice-captain), Andy Bichel, Adam Gilchrist, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Damien Martyn, Martin Love, Stuart MacGill, Glenn McGrath.

ODI SQUAD: Ricky Ponting (captain), Adam Gilchrist (vice-captain), Michael Bevan, Andy Bichel, Jason Gillespie, Ian Harvey, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Symonds.

"I have told the boys that the coming series' against Pakistan and England will be their real chance to show how much they have progressed. All I want from them is strict discipline, hard training and hard toil in Australia which will make them supremely confident when facing their next opponents," said the former Director General of BKSP, who has been awarded the manager's role for this grueling tour because of his reputation as a strict disciplinarian, and a proven motivator.

The tour officially starts from July 6.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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