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American Martina Navratilova won a record nine Wimbledon singles titles: 1978-79, 1982-87, and 1990.



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Milene Domingues

(Ronaldo's wife)
"Ronaldo is the most beautiful thing Ronaldo and me have done together, but it is not sufficient. He is not the solution to all the problems Ronaldo and I have. My son does not come into it. He has nothing to do with the fact that our love and feelings have changed."

Abahani, Usha enter semis



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Premier Division champions Abahani Krira Chakra and Usha Krira Chakra completed the Club Cup semifinal lineup after winning their last group matches at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Abahani, who missed last year's final, had to struggle for a 2-0 victory over Ajax Sporting Club in their last Group C clash.

Although the sky blues virtually dominated the proceedings, Ajax stubbornly guarded their fort in each half.

However, in the end two nice goals from young forward Ashrafur Islam that helped Abahani run away with three points and set up a semifinal clash with Arambagh-based Club Mariner Young's tomorrow at the same venue.

Ashrafur put Abahani ahead from a short penalty corner in the 12th minute and then had to wait for another 40 minutes for his second

that came from a combined attack. Ashrafur has scored six goals, two each in three matches so far.



MAUDUDUR RAHMAN

While Abahani found it hard against the Elephant Road boys, Usha, aided by six field goals from national forward Maududur Rahman, blew Mukta Bihanga T a r u n

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Nat'l football scores

SPORTS REPORTER

Jagarani Club of Jamalpur, Sirajganj Mohammedan, Moulvibazar Wanderers Club and Jhenidah Mohammedan moved into their respective zonal semifinals of the Nitol-Tata 3rd National Football League qualifying round yesterday.

Jagarani Club registered a 2-0 win over Sabujbagh KC of Madaripur at the Jamalpur Stadium. After a barren first half, Jainal and Nayan scored one goal each for the winners in the 62nd and 68th minute.

Jagarani will now face either A Latif Smriti Sangsod of Gopalganj or Baby Stand Club of Tangail in the semifinals on June 26.

Away at the Sirajganj Stadium, home side Mohammedan SC registered a 4-0 win over Shibganj Sangskritik Parisad. Tota scored a hat-trick while Mantri scored the other goals for the winners who are scheduled to face Brothers Union of Kushtia in the last four on June 25.

In Sylhet, Wanderers Club of Moulvibazar beat Chaturanga Sangha on Sylhet in the tie-breaker (3-2) after the match ended in a 2-2 draw.

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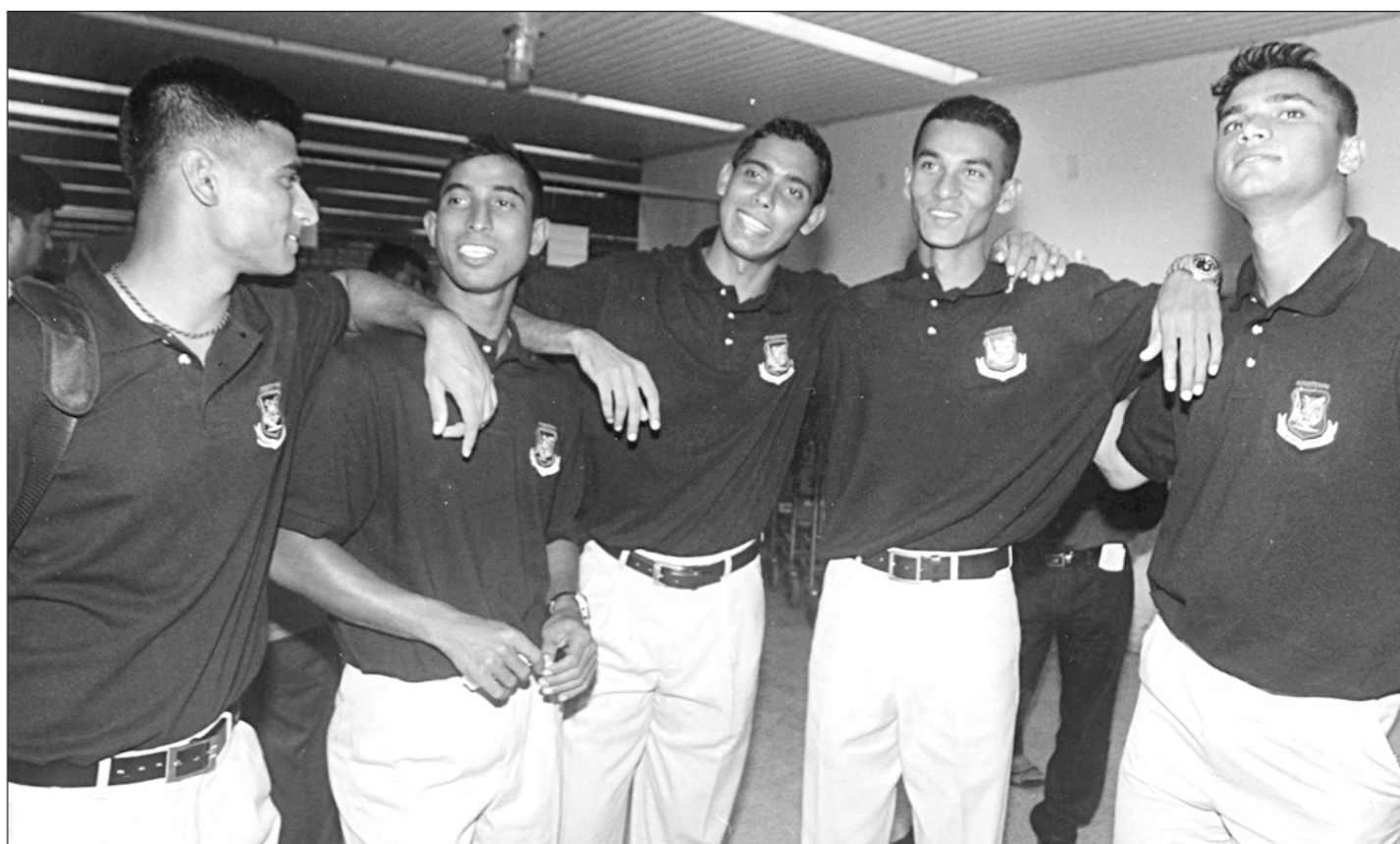


PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

TAKE FIVE! The five bowlers of the Australia bound national cricket team (L-R) Tareq Aziz Khan, Tapash Baishya, Manjurul Islam, Anwar Hossain and Mashrafe bin-Mortuza pose together prior to their departure for Brisbane yesterday.

Razzaq gives Pak hope



REUTERS, London

Andrew Flintoff took four wickets, including one with his first ball, as England restricted Pakistan to 229 for seven at Lord's in the third and final one-day international on Sunday.

Pakistan, put in and in deep trouble at 117 for five, reached respectability thanks only to contrasting half-centuries from Younis Khan and the explosive, if unconventional, Abdul Razzaq.

Razzaq hammered 64 off 53 balls, falling off the penultimate delivery as 91 runs came off the last 10 overs.

Flintoff, who replaced Darren Gough in the 10th over, had removed Imran Nazir (eight) and then accounted for Yasir Hameed

(five) as he took two for five in his opening five overs. Nazir slogged wildly and was caught off the bottom of his bat at mid-off while Hameed sent a leading edge back to a delighted Flintoff, who caught the chance high above his head.

When the all rounder returned, he saw Shoaib Malik dropped at gully before inducing him to edge behind for 23.

Everything England captain Michael Vaughan tried appeared to pay off.

When he switched Gough to the pavilion end, the strike bowler took three deliveries to dismiss Mohammad Hafeez for 19, flicking straight to square leg.

When all rounder Rikki Clarke was brought on, key batsman Yousuf Youhana waited just five balls before edging behind.

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Hinds, Lara control SL



AFP, St. Lucia

The West Indies kept spin magician Muralitharan at bay to reach 161-2 in their first innings in reply to Sri Lanka's 354 on the second day of the opening Test here on Saturday.

Off-spinner Muralitharan removed Chris Gayle for 27 runs in his second over to reduce the West Indies to 66-2, but Wavell Hinds and skipper Brian Lara denied Sri Lanka further success with their bold and exciting stroke-play.

Hinds was batting on 74 and Lara on 36 at stumps as Muralitharan conceded 39 in his opening six overs before being removed from the attack.

The left-handed pair put on 95 for the unfinished third wicket off just 17.1 overs after the West Indies had nearly squandered the advantage given by fast bowler Corey Collymore, who finished with 5-66 in only his second Test.

Collymore had enhanced the hosts' chances of restricting Sri Lanka to below 300-mark, only to see his teammates struggle to polish off the tail.

Sri Lanka were tottering at 288-8 after resuming at a healthy 250-4, but tail-ender Chaminda Vaas (38)

Lara and Hinds, however, ensured that Collymore's excellent effort did not go to waste as they steadied the innings after the dismissals of Gayle and opener Daren Ganga (12).

Both the batsmen severely punished Muralitharan as Hinds swung the spinner for two of his four sixes, while Lara flicked and swept for two boundaries early in his innings.

Lara, who had earlier set a West Indies record of 123 Test catches by a fielder, has so far struck three fours.

Hinds was more aggressive, hitting four sixes and three fours in his 87-ball knock for his 11th Test half-century.

The morning session belonged to Collymore, a 25-year-old Barbadian returning to the team after taking just one wicket in his only Test in 1999 against Australia.

Sri Lanka failed to cope with Collymore's pace and bounce as they lost four wickets in a space of

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Wimbledon starts today



BBC ONLINE, London

Lleyton Hewitt faces a tall order when he starts the defence of his Wimbledon crown against 6ft 10in Ivo Karlovic.

The pair will open proceedings on Centre Court on Monday, although in truth Hewitt should make short shrift of the tallest player on the men's tour.

But despite tournament wins this season at Scottsdale and Indian Wells, Hewitt's recent form at Roland Garros and Queen's have raised doubts as to whether he will be able to retain his Wimbledon title.

But that could be said of most of his main rivals too.

Pete Sampras, Richard Krajicek

and Goran Ivanisevic, the big-serving old guard, have not even made the starting blocks.

Tim Henman, who will play his first match on Tuesday, has only just got over a shoulder injury, while Andre Agassi was surprisingly beaten by Andy Roddick at Queen's.

Roger Federer clearly has the game to win Wimbledon, and recent form suggests the Swiss star should be the man to beat, but his Grand Slam record casts doubt on his big match temperament.

So could Roddick blast his way to Wimbledon victory like he did at Queen's a couple of weeks ago?

The great American hope is in action on Monday against Davide Sanguinetti, but much will depend on a likely second-round clash with Greg Rusedski.

Rusedski has surprised many

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Tyson arrested after hotel brawl

BBC ONLINE, London

Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has been arrested after a fight with two men outside a New York hotel.

Police say he was charged with third-degree assault and disorderly conduct following the fracas outside



MIKE TYSON

a hotel in Brooklyn where he was staying.

The boxer was treated for minor cuts after the other men apparently swung at him with an object taken from the hotel lobby.

The two men were also arrested and charged with menacing behaviour and harassment after the fight at 0530 local time.

Their names were not immediately released.

The brawl is the latest in a long line of violent incidents involving Tyson.

The boxer was convicted of rape in 1992 and was sentenced to six years in prison - serving three years before being released on parole.

In 1997, he bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear during a bout.

Tyson's Nevada boxing licence was suspended for a year, and he was fined \$3m.

In 1999, he was released from a Maryland jail after serving three-and-a-half months for assaulting two motorists.

Brazil thank Adriano



AFP, Lyon

Brazil kept their Confederations Cup hopes alive and kicking with a justified 1-0 win over the United States here on Saturday.

Adriano's first-half goal saved the World Cup winners' blushes after their opening defeat against Group B leaders Cameroon which had been slammed as "pathetic" by the unforgiving Brazilian press.

With Cameroon, 1-0 winners over Turkey in Paris earlier on Saturday, assured of a place in the last four the second Group B spot will be taken by either Brazil or Turkey.

But for the States, quarter-

finalists at last summer's World Cup, their second straight loss spelled elimination.

A relieved Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said: "We now have to go in search of our second victory and hope to qualify for the semifinals."

"We know the US team very well, this is the sixth time we've played them and our sixth win against them."

"They're a team that defend well and counter-attack well. We always win by a slim margin, even though tonight we tried hard to get a second goal."

US coach Bruce Arena made six changes from the team that misfired against Turkey but his tinkering failed to make inroads into a rejuvenated Brazil.

After a sleep-inducing first 20 minutes the game suddenly woke up after a blunder by US defender Gregg Berhalter gifted the ball to Adriano in the box.

The Parma striker's first attempt ricocheted off Tim Howard straight back to the 21-year-old who wasted

no opportunity in finding the net second time around.

Arena reflected: "Brazil capitalised on a mistake - quality teams will do that at this level. But we put up a much improved effort compared to against Turkey so while I'm disappointed with the result I'm pleased with our performance."

He added: "We started the game with defensive tactics, our plan was to go into half time 0-0 and it worked well until we made a mistake that created the goal."

Ten minutes from the break Ricardinho, left clear in front of goal, would have doubled Brazil's lead but for a sterling save from Howard who is having a good tournament.

As darkness descended on the longest day of the year there was no more luminary presence on the pitch than Ronaldinho, the much coveted Paris Saint Germain striker with the trademark goofy grin who looked sharper than in his tepid performance against Cameroon.

Brazil went into half time deservedly ahead although the

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PHOTO: AFP

Brazil striker Adriano (R) scores the winner against USA at the Gerland stadium in Lyon on June 21.



PHOTO: AFP
World heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis lands a right hand on Vladimir Klitschko from Ukraine during their title bout on June 21.

Lewis' brutal defence



AFP, Los Angeles

Britain's Lennox Lewis scored a bloody sixth-round technical knockout win over Vitali Klitschko, successfully defending his WBC and IBO titles and confirming his status as the top heavyweight of his era.

In one of the most brutal and exciting world heavyweight bouts in recent years, Lewis and Ukrainian Klitschko staged a gladiatorial battle, the two giants standing toe-toe trading blows through six tough rounds on Saturday.

But as the bell rang to start the seventh and Klitschko's left eye sliced opened, referee Lou Moret stopped the fight, Lewis raising his arms and thumping his chest in victory.

"I was getting to him, look at his face, just look at his face," Lewis told American television. "I was going to

stop him. "He's a legitimate number one contender...but I hurt him more than he hurt me. It was only a matter of time."

"He has an unusual European style and it took me a while to figure it out. He woke me up but he could not go the distance with me. I wanted to dog him, I wanted a dog fight."

When the bout was halted, Klitschko was ahead 58-56 on the cards of all three judges and charged across the ring towards Lewis amazed at the stoppage.

The near-capacity crowd of 15,939 at the Staples Centre was also surprised, booing loudly before cheering Klitschko as he remained in the ring soaking up their applause.

"Right now I feel like the people's champion," said Klitschko. "I did not want them to stop the fight under any circumstances."

"I felt like I was winning, I knew I was hurting him with my punches. I

controlled the fight but he is not so easy to fight, he is very good. "But it is difficult for him now, time is against him. I hope there will be a rematch."

With the eye wound flapping across Klitschko's battered face, Dr Paul Wallace said he had no choice but to halt the contest.

"When I went into the ring the second time I asked him to look at me," explained Wallace. "When he raised his head up, his upper eyelid covered his field of vision so he had to move his head to see me."

"At that point I had no other option than to stop the fight. If he had to move his head to see me there was no way he could defend himself against a punch."

The first world heavyweight title fight to be staged in Los Angeles in 45 years marked Lewis's first appearance since his eighth-round knockout of Mike Tyson in Memphis last June.

Rain spoils U-23 game

SPORTS REPORTER

Rain washed out yesterday's one-day match between touring Bangladesh under-23 and the under-23 squad of Nondescript Cricket Club in Colombo yesterday.

It was the second scheduled fixture for the tourists who had suffered a 121-run thrashing at the hands of Sri Lanka under-19 at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Friday.

The Bangladesh youths will play their next one-day match against the Max BCCSL Academy side tomorrow.