

Did U Know?

New Zealand have played 303 Test matches to date. They won 53 of them and lost 119 while the remaining 131 matches ended as either tied or no-result.

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Kapil Dev
(Former India cricket captain)
"Any person who takes the Indian team towards success whether Indian or foreigner is always welcome."

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 19

Tick the correct answers, post **The Daily Star**

Competition closes at 8 pm June 27, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who will lead the Australia bound Bangladesh cricket team?
Mashud Aminul Mahmud
- How many ODI centuries has Brian Lara scored?
21 31
- Who clinched the French Open men's title?
Hewitt Agassi
Ferrero
- Who became Dev Cup hockey champions?
Rangarajati Comilla

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Lillee being harsh on 'littles'

REUTERS, Perth

Dennis Lillee says low-ranked countries like Bangladesh should be stripped of Test status.

"I'm not against progress, but involving struggling countries in quality events such as the World Cup and Tests simply makes a mockery of records," the former Australia fast bowler wrote in The West Australian newspaper on Tuesday.

"It became obvious to me, after

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Mohammedan forward Rafiqul Islam (C) puts the ball past a sliding Usha custodian to score his third goal during their Club Cup hockey tournament semifinal at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

It's MSC v AKC

Hockey
SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra will clash for the Club Cup trophy tomorrow after both the Dhaka giants convincingly crossed the semifinal barriers at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Mohammedan, the defending champions, eliminated Usha Krira Chakra 6-1 in the first semifinal, thanks to former national forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal who finally found his scoring touch and scored three goals against his former club.

On the other hand, Premier Division champions Abahani edged past Mariner Young's Club 4-1 in the second match to set up the eagerly-anticipated Abahani-Mohammedan final on Thursday.

Mohammedan enjoyed a 4-0 lead during the lemon break.

Kamal, the bandana headed centre forward, put the black and

whites ahead deflecting home a right side hit from Musa in the seventh minute and then doubled the margin after being nicely fed by Pakistani Mohammed Asim in the 26th minute.

Asim, the lanky midfielder, made it 3-0 from a goalmouth melee in the 32nd minute while Kamal sealed the first session following a counter-attack a few minutes later.

Usha tried to stage a comeback by pulling one back in the 45th minute when Irteza Kader Guddu converted a short corner but when the popular Motijheel outfit scored two late second half goals it ended Usha's hopes.

Rumman scored the fifth goal for Mohammedan capitalising on a Kamal pass in the 60th minute while defender Isa Miah drove the last nail into Usha's coffin from a short corner three minutes before the long whistle.

ABAHANI-MARINER
While it was an easy sail for Mohammedan, their arch-rivals

Wanderers oust Liverpool Club
SPORTS REPORTER

Wanderers Club of Moulvibazar stormed into the Sylhet zone final of the Nitol-Tata third National Football League with a convincing 3-0 win over Liverpool Club of Sunamganj in the semifinals at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

Rashedul Hasan, Murad and Shaon Barua scored once each in the 7th, 9th and 18th minute.

Wanderers Club will now face either Football Players Association of Sherpur or Mymensingh Abahani in the final.

Away in Noakhali, Biplob Sangha of Gazipur posted a 2-0 win over Nazir Para Krira Chakra of Chandpur to move into the zonal semifinals.

Ashrafal and Shahadat scored one goal each for the winners.

In Jamalpur, Abdul Latif Smriti Sangsad beat Greater Baby Stand Club of Tangail 5-4 through a tie-breaker after the regulation 90-minute ended in a dull draw.

A hatrick by Biplob propelled Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra of Nilphamari to a 5-1 win over Agni Shikha Sangsad of Lalmonirhat at the Sirajganj Stadium.

Apart from Biplob's treble, Anwar scored the other two goals for the winners while Rahim pulled one back for the Lalmonirhat boys.

In the last match of the day, Biplob Shahid Smriti Sangsad registered a 4-1 win over Nizandwali Sporting Club of Magura at the Jhenidah Stadium.

Zahidul struck twice while Rashedul and Monir added one each while Nurul Islam reduced the margin for the Nizandwali Club.

WI overtake SL
STAR SPORT MONITOR

Captain Brian Lara scored his 21st century as West Indies overhauled Sri Lanka's 354 shortly before lunch on the fifth and final day of the first Test at St. Lucia yesterday.

Lara, who was waiting on 93 for more than a day after rain had washed out the fourth day's play without a ball being bowled, has made 153 as his side reached 360 for six.

Omari Banks was at the other end with 6.



Tutul Kumar Nag (R) of Mariner Youngs tries to dribble past an Abahani defender during their Club Cup hockey tournament semifinal at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Agassi, Serena restore order

WIMBLEDON
AFP, London

Former champion Andre Agassi moved into the second round of the men's singles at Wimbledon on Tuesday with a 6-4, 6-0, 5-7, 6-4 win in two hours over Jamie Delgado of Britain.

Agassi, the second seed, now meets either Lars Burgsmuller of Germany or Albert Montanes of Spain for a place in the last 32.

Four-time semi-finalist and British 10th seed Tim Henman advanced with a 6-2, 7-6 (13/11), 3-6, 6-1 win Tuesday over 157th-ranked Tomas Zib of the Czech Republic.

Henman, bidding for a first British men's crown since 1936, now meets either Michael Llodra of France or David Sanchez of Spain.

Earlier Serena Williams kicked off the defence of her Wimbledon title in typically efficient style with an emphatic dismissal of her compatriot Jill Craybas.

The world number one, bidding

a stirring second set display.

But Dokic, the 11th seed and a former semifinalist on the Wimbledon lawns, had plenty in reserve and was able to kill off her opponent 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Russian 15th seed Elena Dementieva had less of a struggle, easing through 6-2, 6-1 against Germany's Angelika Roesch.

French qualifier Cyril Saulnier pulled off an upset of the day in the men's singles when he dumped last year's semifinalist Xavier Malisse out of the tournament.

Malisse, seeded 14th, looked totally out of sorts as he produced error after error and Saulnier, ranked 124 in the world, was able to cruise to a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

His reward for what was only the second Grand Slam victory of his career is a second round clash with powerful Australian Mark Philippoussis.

The 'Scud' went through at the expense of Argentine Mariano Zabaleta 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Malisse was not the highest seed to fall. Seventh seed Guillermo Coria also

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ACC bolsters BD

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) declared a financial boost to enhance the performance of the Bangladesh cricket team.

"The ACC has approved a grant of 500,000 dollars to Bangladesh for the development of their cricket. The money will be given from the share of the four full members of the ACC," said Syed Ashrafal Huq during a press briefing at a local hotel yesterday.

The chief executive of the ACC also said that both the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the ACC would monitor those projects.

"The majority of the funds will go towards the development of the Mirpur Stadium that the ICC has recommended could be a high-performance academy for the national team to practice throughout the year," said Ashrafal, a former national cricketer and former general secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

Although the grant is nominal compared to what Bangladesh would be getting from the ICC as full

member, it is very important in the light of growing criticism from different quarters following the national team's poor showing.

"It is very important that the ACC and the ICC be involved in the development of our national team," said BCB president Ali Asghar, who however attended the briefing as

ACC chief.

While Asghar described the direct involvement of the game's ruling body in the development of Bangladesh cricket as a positive step, Ashrafal considered it a necessity.

"The ICC's involvement through

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Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar speaks to reporters at a local hotel yesterday.

Coming down under itself an attainment!

Cricket
AFP, Brisbane

Bangladesh's touring cricket squad knuckled down to work here on Tuesday preparing for next month's Test and one-day joust with the mighty Australians.

The team trained in a well-equipped city gym on their first day since arriving here on Monday.

For many of the players of cricket's newest Test nation, just making it to cricket training is a feat in itself.

Slow left-arm bowler Mohammad Rafique, considered the senior member of the team at 34, had to row his family's hire boat across a 500-metre flood-swollen river to make it to practice as a young boy.

"There is a big river between Dhaka and the place I stayed," Rafique said through his vice-

captain Habibul Bashar.

"To cross it, I had to sometimes take the hire boats. I had to struggle a lot to get to the cricket field.

"These days it is all right, because there is a bridge, so I can come easily now, but when I started playing cricket it was very hard."

Bashar, the number three batsman, left home at 16 to move to the capital where the country's only top-level cricket is played.

"It was a bit difficult," Bashar said. Now, Bashar and his teammates are moving towards becoming full-time professionals, with most not having time to take on other jobs.

Bangladesh have lost 18 of 19 Tests since being admitted to the international fold in 2000, their only draw coming in a rain-hit tie against Zimbabwe two seasons ago.

They have also not won a single one-dayer since upsetting Pakistan

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Bangladesh U-23 still winless

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

The going only got tougher for touring Bangladesh under-23 cricket team which suffered a six-wicket defeat at the hands of Sri Lanka under-23 side in their third and last one-day match at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

Electing to bat first, the visitors were restricted to 175 for 5 in the stipulated 50 overs with middle order Rajin Saleh scoring a painstaking 41 off 91 balls consisting of just two fours.

Mazharul Haque made an unbeaten 31 while Nazimuddin (26) was the other notable run-getter for Bangladesh.

The home side responded with 178-4 in 45.1 overs.

Mandis led his side to the convincing victory with an unbeaten 71 followed by Chandra Kumara who

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Brazil shown the door



Cricket
AFP, Saint Etienne

Turkey made it through to the Confederations Cup semi-finals here Monday after a 2-2 draw with world champions Brazil which earned them sweet revenge for the two defeats inflicted by the South Americans at last year's World Cup.

In the best game of the competition so far Turkey booked a semifinal date with France on Thursday with goals either side of the break

well tonight, much better than Turkey in the first period, and could have killed off the match on at least four occasions.

"I warned my players at half time that the difference in physical fitness would come into play in the second half, with Turkey having the advantage, and so it proved.

"My aim was to get to the final, we haven't achieved that but we've managed to test out some players."

"So all I can say is bravo to Turkey and bonjour to France."

His opposite number, Selo Gunes, was eagerly looking forward to the date with the hosts.

"I wanted to play France in the final, but that's now happening in the semis. It will give my new players a chance to test themselves against a giant of football - World Cup winners and European champions."

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Turkish custodian Rustu Recber (R) and Brazilian superstar Ronaldinho starting a fight during their Confederations Cup match at the Geoffroy Guichard Stadium in Lyon on June 23.

BRIEF SCORES
SRI LANKA: First innings 354 (M Atapattu 118, K Sangakkara 56, M Jayawardene 45, C Vaas 38; C Collymore 5-66)
WEST INDIES: First innings 272 for 4 (W Hinds 113, B Lara 93 not out)