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Hollywood enters **Centre Court!**



REUTERS. London

Hollywood is to delay the start of play on Wimbledon's hallowed Centre Court by half an hour on Thursday so scenes can be shot for a new romantic comedy.

Even Britain's tennis hero Tim Henman will have to wait an extra half an hour until 1230 GMT before stepping out on the most famous stage in tennis for his second-round match.

Tinseltown is at the greatest tennis show on earth for "Wimbledon" -- the tale of a plucky British wild card, played by Paul Bettany from "A Beautiful Mind," who falls in love with a feisty American, played by Kirsten Dunst of "Spider-Man'

Working Title, the makers of the hit films "Notting Hill" and "Four Weddings and a Funeral", have been given unprecedented access by the Wimbledon organisers to make the film.

"The crew will be all over the place. So smile -- you could be on camera," a spokeswoman for the tournament organisers told Reuters. "They are here to get

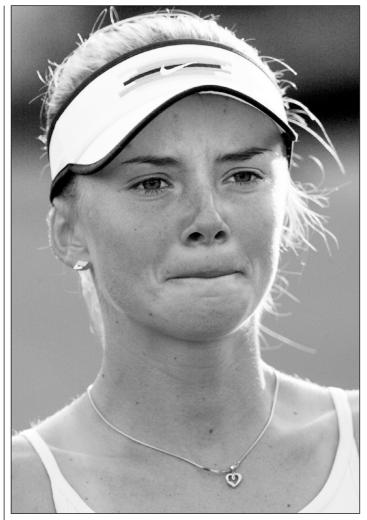
crowd shots and atmosphere." Suburban matrons used to a genteel lunch of cucumber sandwiches and strawberries and cream were asked to take their seats early

for a chance of movie fame. Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, forever immortalised when he clambered up in the stands to embrace his family after his great triumph, has been hired to ensure the stars' shots are up to speed.

The Australian will also be in charge of crowd control on Centre Court on Thursday. It has been left up to him to explain what is going to happen when the actor-players step

The crowd, normally instructed to behave with the utmost decorum at Wimbledon, will be encouraged to celebrate with the fictitious All England champion.

But the producers are working to a tight schedule. They have just 30 minutes to capture the simulated excitement of the crowd before Henman steps out for the real thing.



Media Cup cricket on

Sangbad, DailyManabzamin, Daily Janakantha, Daily Ajker Kagoj and ATN Bangla won their respective matches on the opening day of the Pepsi Media six-a-side cricket tournament at the Bangabandhu

a convincing start as they thrashed Daily Dinkal by 84 runs in the day's first outing.

Last year's runners-up Daily Ajker Kagoj beat Weekly Sportsline

sweat as they romped home by 31 runs against Bangladesh Television

Manabzamin scored a nail-biting one-wicket victory over UNB. Daily Sangbad posted a comfortable three-wicket victory over Aabash news agency. Daily Janakantha beat the Independent by three

A Biman day at Delta TT

Wooden floor Gymnasium at

In an all-Biman affair, the Red side overwhelmed Green to lift the

defeated Jyoty and Ratna 7-11, 11-7. 11-7. 7-11 and 12-10.

Zia, Rakib share

FROM PAGE 13 Reefat beat Arman Monir, Pallab beat IWM Rani Hamid, Rajib beat Chanchal Kumar Ghosh, Shakil beat FM Taibur Rahman Sumon Javed beat FM Shiekh Nasii Ahmed, Parag beat Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar.

The eighth round will start today from 4:00 PM at the same venue.

England restricted

Streak creates Zimbabwe history

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Nottingham

Heath Steak became the first Zimbabwean to take 200 one-day international wickets as England were restricted to 191 for eight off 50 overs in the opening match of the NatWest Series triangular tournament here on Thursday.

Streak removed Vikram Solanki early then dismissed the in-form opener Marcus Trescothick for a run-a-ball 38 as the innings deflated after an encouraging start. All-rounder Andrew Flintoff top-

scored with a cautious 53.

The home team, put in on a dry and cracking pitch, had rattled along to 50 for the loss of Solanki in the ninth over before two big wickets fell for one run. Skipper Michael Vaughan, still

looking to convince in one-dayers. produced a couple of attractive blows in his 13 before an attempted pull off medium-pacer Sean Ervine soared high into the air to wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu.

Trescothick, fresh from a oneday century against Pakistan last week, hit eight fours, most through point or to square leg, before he late-cut Streak straight to Grant Flower at wide second slip.

From 57 for three, England's

middle-order lost their way completely against some accurate spin The first 15 overs had cost 80 runs while there were just 38 off the

second 15 as Robert Key, on his debut, and Anthony McGrath looked short on shots and ideas. Key scratched 11 before he was bowled by a fine delivery from leftarmer Raymond Price which beat the bat to take off. McGrath, mean-

while, eked out 14 off 42 deliveries

before he was run out by a good

throw from Travis Friend. That left England on 144 for five with 10 overs remaining and Flintoff's soft dismissal, top-edging a lea-side shot from spinner Doug

Marillier, ensured no late fireworks. Price was the pick of the bowlers with one for 20 off 10 tight overs, while fast-medium Andy Blignaut, whose first four overs cost 38, took two wickets in two balls in the last

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the England innings against Zimbabwe in the triangular one-day international series at Trent ENGLAND

Trescothick c Flower b Streak Solanki c Ebrahim b Streak Vaughan c Taibu b Ervine 13 Key b Price Flintoff c Blignaut b Marillier 53 14 McGrath run out Clarke b Blignaut Read c Brent b Blignaut Johnson not out Giles not out Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-7, nb-3) Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 191 Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-56, 3-57, 4-

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Price Brent Toss: Zimbabwe Umpires: Simon Taufel (Australia) and Peter Willey (England)

How to get it Wright

Cricket

REUTERS, Bangalore

By Eugene Sheffer

India coach John Wright wants a change in approach that will see faster pitches prepared for domestic cricket, seen as vital to improve the country's overseas record in partic-

"It is more of a mind-set," Wright told Reuters. "There are some pitches resembling those overseas. It is just a matter of how much grass (is left on the pitches)."

The former New Zealand captain, who took over as India's first foreign coach in 2000, is in Bangalore providing inputs to revitalise the much-criticised domestic game which includes

interacting with local coaches.

India have almost been invincible in home Tests, but their batsmen weaned on flat pitches at home have struggled against pace on livelier pitches abroad.

But Wright said pitches alone could not be blamed.

"I would not agree with that (pitches are bad in India)," he said. "It will be interesting to see what kind of pitches are prepared for the next domestic season.

India have not won a Test series outside south Asia for 17 years and despite showing some improvement last year, they could only draw a four-game series in England 1-1 having lost 2-1 in a five-match series in West Indies before losing both the Tests and a one-day series on under-prepared pitches in New

one Test series at home in almost 17

tour Australia later this year, hoping to fare better against the world champions who had routed them 3-0 in the Test series in 1999-2000.

in particular would use the opportu-

The squad is packed with five openers, including Shiv Sundar Das, who is attempting to regain his and Sanjay Bangar.

tant, particularly when you are touring overseas," he said. "Bangar and Sehwag did a very good job in India last year, but it is an area that is important in winning Test matches overseas."

October for a Test series and a oneday tournament also involving

Div II h'ball

BSS, Dhaka

earned a 25-21 win over Purbachal Parishad in a keenly contested match in the Leo Pump Second Division Handball League at the handball ground in the city yester-

Didar displayed a good marksmanship for Old Bandura club scoring 10 goals while Sujon added seven. Farid netted the highest eight goals for Purbachal Parishad.

In the other match, Orient sporting Club came from behind to beat Jatrabari Sports Academy 28-23 in another hard-fought game.

Army move into second round

SPORTS REPORTER

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Bangladesh Army moved into the second round of the Nitol-Tata third National Football League with a solitary goal win over Bangladesh Navy in the 'Sheba zone' final at the Army Stadium yesterday.

Milan Khan scored the allimportant match goal to guide his to the 10-team second round that is likely to start from the second week

Away at the Jamalpur Stadium home side Jagarani Club moved into the zonal final after defeating Abdul Latif Smriti Sangsad of Gopalganj in the tie-breaker (4-2). The match was locked 1-1 in the regulation 90 minutes of play. In Noakhali, Chittagong

Mohammedan made it to the zonal final with a 3-0 thrashing of Biplab Sangha of Gazipur. Parvez, Topu and Abul scored one goal each for Jhenidah Mohammedan also

moved into the zonal final with a 2-1 win over Biplab Shahid Smriti Sangsad at the Jhenidah Stadium. Ujjal and Anwar scored for the

winners while Monir pulled one back

for the Jessore boys. In the other match of the day, Shahid Ziaur Rahman Memorial Club of Bogra booked their berth in the Sirajganj zonal final defeating Sheikh Russell KC 1-0 at the Sirajganj Stadium. Jalil scored the game's only goal.

Cricket in

gone backwards amongst the

countries since this issue was last considered in Sri Lanka last October. "FICA's stated objective is to

work with local governing bodies but it is apparent that it is not doing this effectively.

"FICA's leaders ... need to ask themselves why countries with FICA-affiliated player associations are blocking this move.

"Why in countries where player associations exist have the player association leadership failed to show that there is a contribution that can also be made at the ICC level?"

Asghar for early

FROM PAGE 13 would be held in the country early next vear.

The ICC has also approved the

format of ICC Champions Trophy to be held in England next year. The format would be same as held in Sri Lanka last year.

Bangladesh is billed in a group with England and Sri Lanka. Besides, Bangladesh A team will take part in an eight-nation tourna-

ment to be held in United Arab Emirates in April 2004. Another four-nation Under-19 cricket tournament comprising

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will be held in August-September, 2003 in Pakistan. Australia Under-19 team will tour Bangladesh in October while Sri

Lanka Under-19 in November this

Tim the only

FROM PAGE 13 drought through his own talent.

"If it's not good enough at the end of the day it's not good enough. At Wimbledon I don't believe I can have too many complaints - but want to get back to the semis and have another crack at it," said Henman, who went into the tournament still struggling from the effects of shoulder surgery he underwent

If he can get past 18-year-old Soderling, Henman could be in line for a fourth round meeting with last year's surprise finalist, Argentine sixth seed David Nalbandian.

FROM PAGE 13 likely to last less than three days.

"I don't think it's ever about money. I don't think any of the guys have ever played cricket because of money ... we're going into the Bangladesh series to play for pride and respect.

"It's a big honour to be playing for Australia, a lot of other guys would love to be playing in this series." Waugh also says he is happy for

his players to create mental pressure on opposing batsmen through the controversial practice of sledg

tour of the West Indies when fast bowler Glenn McGrath launched a foul-mouthed tirade at West Indian batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan during the fourth Test in Antigua. The images of McGrath finger pointing and screaming at Sarwan

over something he apparently said prompted Australian Cricket Board chief executive James Sutherland to tell Waugh to rein in his players Waugh, speaking at a luncheon

for his players to create menta pressure with their chat. "Our team likes to talk amongst

Roddick wins showdown



US fifth seed Andy Roddick won a bad-tempered Centre Court showdown with Britain's former US Open finalist Greg Rusedski to reach the third round of the men's singles at Wimbledon on Wednesday.

Roddick advanced 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/1), 7-5 win in 2hr 4min after Rusedski lost his cool in the ninth game of the third set when a spectator called a Roddick return In fact the shot was good, the

American won the point and Rusedski launched a foul-mouthed tirade in the direction of umpire Lars Graff's chair before his game collapsed around his ears, leaving Roddick to race on to a meeting with Spain's Tommy Robredo, the 25th

His anger was in stark contrast to the joy of Japan's Shinobu Asagoe, who caused the shock of the day among the women, beating Slovak ninth seed Daniela Hantuchova 0-6. 6-4, 12-10 in a match lasting 2hr

"This is the happiest time in my life. I can hardly drink it all in," said Asagoe as Slovakia's Hantuchova became the latest victim of the seeds curse which seems to hang over court two, nicknamed the graveyard court having witnessed many upsets in the past.

The third set alone lasted 104 minutes before Asagoe clinched an

early birthday present as she turns

27 on Saturday.
Roddick said he sympathised with the predicament of Rusedski, who has only recently returned from a nine-month injury nightmare

following foot and knee surgery. "I've been there before and I definitely know what I've felt like when I've had calls like that before,' said Roddick.

"A straight sets victory does not do justice to how tough that match really was," said the 20-year-old Nebraskan

Rusedski forlornly apologised for his outburst. "It's just the heat of the moment.

That's just the way tennis goes. In the third set I lost it a little bit on that call - but he played well and he deserved to win today. "If you're not passionate about it

it's time to find a new job. "The nine months I've been through you can't imagine what it's

Three-time champion John McEnroe, commentating for the BBC - which also apologised for Rusedski's audible obscenities said he believed the umpire should have replayed the point and said he expected Rusedski would be

slapped with a fine of up to 20,000

pounds (30,000 dollars). "But the good thing is the money will go to charity," said the former champion, who knows a thing or two about fines handed down for fruity

Earlier, fourth seed Venus Williams, who won in 2000 and 2001, swamped Katarina Srebotnik

while 1999 champion Lindsay Davenport overpowered Italian Rita

Grande 6-3, 6-1, "I know that I have the ability to win," said Venus, back on her game

after a poor French Open campaign. Venus next meets Nadia Petrova of Russia, the 29th seed. Second seed Kim Clijsters of

Belgium moved on with a 6-1, 6-3

win over Virginie Razzano of France and now meets Samantha Reeves of the United States. Back among the men, Ivo Karlovic, Croatian conqueror of top seed Lleyton Hewitt in the opening round, reached the third round by swatting another Aussie in Paul

Baccanello 6-4, 7-6 (7/3), 5-7, 6-2 to move on to a meeting with 43rdranked Max Mirnyi of Belarus. The Zagreb-born giant, who suffers from a stutter, said he was slowly coming to terms with his newfound fame after initially feeling overwhelmed by the attention

focused on him. "All the press was after me - but

Of Mirnyi he said: "He has a strong serve and he plays like me! He's gonna be a tough match for sure - a lot of aces!"

Spanish teen star Rafael Nadal earlier blitzed Britain's 487th-ranked Lee Childs 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 and now meets Thai 12th seed Paradorn Srichaphan, who survived two match points to see off Frenchman Olivier Mutis 4-6, 1-6, 7-6 (7/4), 7-5,

Trial by media



REUTERS, London

Britain's Greg Rusedski received very little in the way of either sympathy or support in Thursday's newspapers after his furious outburst of foul language during a Wimbledon loss to Andv Roddick

"Crudedski" screamed the headline on the back page of the Daily Mirror adding that the player's four-letter tirade had dragged Wimbledon into the gutter. Admonishing the player's behav-

iour, the paper's chief sports writer

Oliver Holt went on to note that it

was not the first time Rusedski had been made to look foolish by some ill-judged comments. "The way Rusedski tossed away his second round match was more suited to a 13-year-old on junior club

night than a supposedly top pro on Centre Court," he wrote. "The problem with Rusedski is

he's got previous form when things do not go the way he wants them to. "After he lost to Pete Sampras in the US Open last year he said the greatest player men's tennis has

ever seen was washed up. "Unfortunately, Sampras went on to prove to be so washed up he actually won the tournament. Way to go, big Greg." The Sun led its coverage with an article headlined "Sad Greg Blue It" adding, "Foul-mouth Rusedski goes berserk as hot Rodd sends the red-faced Brit packing."

"Rusedski had come into the match saying he had nothing to lose. 'I'm going out there to have fun.' he promised. Well. in a way it was funny.

"Actually, it was quite hilarious. But not, I expect for Greg," the paper Under headlines such as

'Rudedski", "Greg's Shame" and

"Crying Foul" a majority of the articles slammed the outburst as an embarrassing low point of the tournament so far. only newspaper prepared to offer However, the Telegraph's Paul any sort of sympathy for Rusedski.

Hayward believed that Rusedski's behaviour whitewashed over another sorry display by homebased players "The only stunning volley British

tennis could manage was one of abuse." he wrote. "On his way to an especially abject defeat on Centre Court, Grea Rusedski let rip at the umpire with a

tirade that made the John McEnroe

concealed a deeper shame. Three

of old sound like a cub scout. "Rusedski's toxic interruption

davs into the Wimbledon fortnight Tim Henman is on his own. The Times appeared to be the

"In the end, the match was about Rusedski's furious and passionate embracing of defeat." it said. "He has worked through nine months of surgery, pain and rehab

with this tournament in mind, know-

ing that, at his rare best, he has a game to win here. "And in a few minutes of mindless fury, he chucked it away. Alas,



GREG RUSEDSKI

BSS, Dhaka The Financial Express. Daily

National Stadium yesterday. Reigning champions ATN made

by three wickets Financial Express hardly had to

Bangladesh Biman clinched the titles of the boys' and women's team events in the Delta Life Open Table Tennis Championship at the

Dhanmondi yesterday. In the boys' final, they struggled against Dilkusha Sporting Club before winning 3-2.

women's team event title Rumi Red defeated Jyoty 9-11, 21-19, 9-11, 11-6 and 11-9, Saleha beat Ratna 11-5, 9-11, 11-9, 8-11 and 11-7 while Rumi and Saleha

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY FAITHFUL DOG AS A VERY ODD HABIT OF STANDING MOTIONLESS, BUT I LOVE HER STILL Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals R

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

By contrast, they have lost just

Wright felt his players should also learn to adapt to alien conditions faster to perform well overseas. "It may not be the wickets. It may be the ability to adjust." That will be crucial when India

Wright, who also helped prepare the India A side which began begun its England tour this week, hoped opening batsmen and fast bowlers

Test spot which he lost last year to makeshift duo Virender Sehwag "Opening batting is very impor-

India next host New Zealand in

Old Bandura Nabin Setu Sangha

Orients were 15-16 down in the

'Support Bangladesh'

The hard-nosed Australian team was roundly criticised during the

here on Thursday, said he didn't condone "saying something directly against someone," but was happy

ourselves in order to put a doubt in the batsman's mind. I'm all for that,