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Sri Lanka were 31 without loss in the 9th over of the morning on Day One of the 2nd and final Test against the West Indies at Kingston in Jamaica, yesterday.

West Indies skipper Brian Lara won the toss and sent the tourists in. West Indies made two changes from the team that played in the first Test at St. Lucia.

WEST INDIES: Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Ramnareesh Sarwan, Brian Lara, Marlon Samuels, Omari Banks, Corey Collymore, Vasbert Drakes, Fidel Edwards, Ridley Jacobs, Jerome Taylor

SRI LANKA: Marvan Atapattu, Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Hashan Tillakaratne (captain), Romesh Kaluwitharana, Kumar Dharmasena, Chaminda Vaas, Thilan Thushara, Muttiah Muralitharan, Prabath Nissanka

Raul not going anywhere

Real Madrid striker Raul will not be moving to English champions Manchester United, the player's agent said on Thursday.

"Raul will not leave Madrid," said agent Gines Carvajal after meeting officials of the Spanish club.

"There is no problem despite some reports in some media organs. And even less with the president, Florentino Perez."

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 19. Tick the correct answers, post to The Daily Star. Win attractive prizes. Competition closes at 8 pm July 11, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards.

1. Who will lead the Australia bound Bangladesh cricket team? Mashud Aminul Mahmud. 2. How many ODI centuries has Brian Lara scored? 21 31. 3. Who clinched the French Open men's title? Hewitt Agassi. 4. Who became Dev Cup hockey champions? Rangamati Comilla Dhaka.

Grant guides Zim



AFP, Nottingham

Zimbabwe veteran Grant Flower's unbeaten 96 led the Africans to an improbable four wicket victory against England in the opening triangular series one-day international at Trent Bridge here on Thursday.

Chasing a modest 192 for victory, Zimbabwe slumped to 15 for four inside 10 overs.

It seemed as if Heath Streak's men, thrashed by an innings in both Tests against England and beaten by minnows Ireland in a one-day warm-up match, were about to suffer another convincing defeat.

But a stand of 96 in 131 balls between Flower, 32, playing in his 204th one-day international and 20-year-old Stuart Matsikenyeri, in only his fourth, turned the match around.

Matsikenyeri, whose previous best one-day international score was one not out, made 44 as England, resting in-form fast bowler James Anderson, lost control.

Flower, who hit the winning boundary, batted for 151 balls including 10 fours. Sean Ervine was 26 not out off 25 balls, the pair sharing an unbroken stand of 52 in 47 balls as Zimbabwe won with two overs to spare.

It was Zimbabwe's first one-day international win over England since their five-wicket victory at The Oval in July 8, 2000.

Zimbabwe had restricted England to 191 for eight from 50 overs after winning the toss. Only Andrew Flintoff (53) and Marcus Trescothick (38) got past thirty.

Zimbabwe captain and fast bowler Streak led a tight attack with two for 30. But Zimbabwe's top order collapsed and had England not dropped four catches, with the

diminutive Matsikenyeri put down twice, it might have been a different story.

Earlier England one-day debutant Richard Johnson, who took six wickets on his Test bow against Zimbabwe earlier this month, struck with his second ball to have Dion Ebrahim (one) edging to Andrew Flintoff in the slips.

Then veteran fast bowler Darren Gough dismissed Douglas Marillier for nought, Rikki Clarke taking a low



GRANT FLOWER...m-o-m

catch in the gully. And when Johnson, who missed England's 2-1 one-day series win over Pakistan with a knee injury, had wicket-keeper Taibu caught for four by Vikram Solanki at point Zimbabwe were 15 for four.

However, Matsikenyeri defied Johnson with two well-struck fours. Flower too weighed in, driving Flintoff and sweeping left-arm spinner Ashley Giles for boundaries.

Matsikenyeri, on 31, was dropped by Trescothick at long-on off medium-pace Anthony McGrath's second ball.

Undaunted, four balls later Matsikenyeri straight drove McGrath for six.

And Matsikenyeri was dropped again, by a diving Flintoff at slip on 43, off Johnson's first ball back.

However, one run later Matsikenyeri's luck ran out when he drilled Johnson straight to Clarke at mid-off. He faced 55 balls including one six and three fours, Zimbabwe now well-placed at 111 for five in the 32nd over.

South Africa make their triangular series debut, against England, at The Oval on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard in the triangular series one-day international between England and Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge on Thursday:

ENGLAND: 191 for 8 in 50 overs. ZIMBABWE

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Balls, 4s, 6s. Includes Marillier c Clarke b Gough (0), Ebrahim c Flintoff b Johnson (1), Friend c Clarke b Gough (5), G Flower not out (96), Taibu c Solanki b Johnson (4), Matsikenyeri c Clarke b Johnson (44), Streak run out (7), Ervine not out (26), Extras: (lb-1, w-11) (12). Total: (For 6 wkts in 48 overs) 195.

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-3, 8-3, 4-15, 5-111, 6-143

Did not bat: A. Bignaut, R. Price, G. Brent

Bowler O M R W Gough 10 2 40 2 Johnson 10 1 32 3 Flintoff 10 2 24 0 Clarke 3 0 13 0 Giles 9 0 50 0 McGrath 6 0 35 0

Man-of-the-match: Grant Flower. Umpires: Simon Taufel (AUS) and Peter Willey (ENG). TV umpire: Neil Mallender (ENG). Match referee: Clive Lloyd (WIS).

Rakib alone atop

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Abdullah Al Rakib took the lead with 7.5 points after the end of the eighth round games in the Open FIDE Rating Chess tournament at the Chess Federation auditorium yesterday.

Sawkat Hossain Pollab was in second position with 7 points. Grand Masters Ziaur Rahman and Niaz Murshed, International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib, Fide Master Abu Syufian Shakil of Ansar were in the third position with 6.5 points each.

In this round Rakib beat Zia, Pollab beat Reefat, Shakil beat Javed, Rajib beat Arman, Niaz beat Parag, Amin beat Farhad, Lavlu beat Mostafa, Nasir beat Alam, Delu beat IWM Rani Hamid & Alamgir beat Khorshed.

Today is the rest day. Last round games will start from 4:00 pm tomorrow at the same venue.

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM

AFP, LONDON

Russian teen Maria Sharapova may have to resort to extreme measures as she lives up to expectations as the new Anna Kournikova in the glamour stakes - but with the tennis to match.

Tabloid lenses have trailed her every move and Sharapova, just 16, says her entourage have warned against the dangers of courting the limelight.

"I was told by my agent 'it is better if you wear a hat and sunglasses now!'"

BACK TO BASELINE

Australian big-hitter Mark Philippoussis says he won't change his style to suit the slowing-down of the grass-court game.

The green lawns now consist of ryegrass which slows the bounce and the balls are slower - allowing baseliners more of a chance to have their say and ensure that rallies involve more than a quick serve and volley.

TALL ORDER FOR KARLO-AND MAX

Ivo Karlovic, Croatia's 2.08m (6'10") giant and the biggest man in the game, faces a tall order in his third round match against Max Mirnyi of Belarus.

Mirnyi may not be quite as tall as his qualifier rival - he stands a mere 1.96m (6'5"). But the clash of the giants is still the biggest in Wimbledon history.

Delta Life

FROM PAGE 13 to move into the Group-A final. Shuvon (Dikusha) beat Papon (Chittagong) 3-1 and Mithun (Dinajpur) beat Rana (Kushtia) 3-1 to reach the Group-B final.

In the women's singles qualifying round matches, Sumi (Gaibandha) emerged Group-A champion beating Sharmin (Pataukhal) in straight (3-0) while Sheela (Jessore) became Group-B champion beating Tania (Magura) 3-2.

Roddick, Parodorn

FROM PAGE 13 Samantha Reeves later in the day. Russian 16th seed Vera Zvonareva was the first woman into the last 16 with a business-like 6-3, 7-5 win over Uzbekistan's Iroda Tulyaganova.

The 18-year-old next faces either Venus Williams or her compatriot Nadia Petrova, who were due to succeed Roddick and Robredo on Centre Court.

Marc-Vivien

FROM PAGE 13 in a match during which they never gave up the fight.

In injury time, defender Mario Yepes headed against the Cameroon post and Victor Aristizabal sent a follow-up header against the same post.

But Cameroon's luck held and they now face a trip north to Paris while Colombia go to nearby St Etienne for Saturday's third-place play-off match.

A normal death

FROM PAGE 13 Chuck Blazer, chairman of the Confederations Cup organising committee, said Foe had received the best possible medical care.

"I have to praise all who were involved in dealing with this tragedy. They had a sensible medical approach," Blazer told a news conference on Friday.

"We are not dealing with a situation in which there is a lack of medical attention," he said. "At this stage we are certain that everything that was required has been done."

"There was an excellent organisation from the people on the site and they did what they have to do to cope with an emergency situation."

He also pointed that Foe had not been over-used during the tournament as he sat out Cameroon's third match.



Russia's Maria Sharapova celebrates after defeating compatriot Elena Bovina in their second round match at the Wimbledon Championships on June 26.

Seeds continue to sail



AFP, London

US second seed Andre Agassi showed his class in motoring through to the third round of the men's singles at Wimbledon on Thursday with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 win over Germany's Lars Burgsmuller.

The 1992 champion booked a meeting with 27th seed and fellow thirtysomething Younes El Aynaoui of Morocco, who saw off Chile's Nicolas Massu 7-6 (7/5), 3-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-4.

Men's third seed and French Open king Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain benefited from the withdrawal of unseeded Frenchman Nicolas Escude, who slipped, almost did the splits and also fell before electing to withdraw with Ferrero leading 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-3.

As Agassi began to settle into a grassy groove with two matches behind him defending women's champion Serena Williams likewise advanced, drilling Belgian Els Callens 6-4, 6-4 in 65min.

French and Australian Open titlist Jennifer Capriati, the US eighth seed, meanwhile swatted Swiss youngster Marie-Gaieaneh Mikaelian 6-2, 6-1.

Agassi said he was satisfied his game is coming to the boil.

"I'm doing what I need to do. As the tournament goes on everyone needs to pick it up. You need to be sure your game is at its best when it has to be," said the Las Vegas, at 33 the oldest man ever to be ranked number one.

Joining Agassi in the last 32 was the sole British survivor, 10th seed Tim Henman, who whipped French qualifier Michael Llodra 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 on a sun-bathed centre court to set up a clash with another qualifier, Sweden's Robin Soderling.

Soderling, an 18-year-old ranked 155 in the world, ousted Belgian qualifier Gilles Elseneer 2-6, 7-6 (10/8), 6-4, 6-3.

Last year's beaten finalist, Argentine sixth seed David Nalbandian, was delighted after overcoming Brazil's Andre Sa 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.

"I think I feel better this year. I know I feel great and I know how to continue like this to beat anybody," said the 21-year-old.

Serena Williams had to work double time as she first saw off Callens before going off to play doubles half an hour later with sister Venus.

Their match with Corina Morariu of the United States and Rennae Stubbs of Australia was halted in the deciding set for fading light.

After her match against Callens, Serena, who now meets US 28th seed Laura Granville, said: "It was better than my first round but I've got

Good first day for BD

FROM PAGE 13 Knuckle down." Total: (All out in 60.4 overs) 201

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-6 3-10 4-110 5-139 6-165 7-165 8-177 9-178

Did not bat: C Simpson

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of a three-day tour match between Queensland Academy of Sport and Bangladesh on Friday.

QUEENSLAND ACADEMY: First innings B Nash c Habibul Bashar b Tapash Baisya 5

D Payne lbw b Tapash Baisya 0 L Carseldine c Tapash Baisya b Khaled Mahmud 92 A Nye b Tapash Baisya 3

J Hopes c Khaled Mahmud 53 B Awnar Hossain 1 N Hauritz lbw b Manjural Islam 1 C Phillipson run out 5 C Hartley lbw b Mohammad Ashraf 20 D MacKenzie lbw b Sanwar Hossain 5

S Magoffin c Hannan Sarkar b Khaled Mahmud 1 M Petrie not out 8 B Nash c Habibul Bashar b Tapash Baisya 5

Extras: (b-7, nb-1) 8

BANGLADESH: First innings Hannan Sarkar b Magoffin 19 Javed Omar c Phillipson b Hopes 0

Habibul Bashar c Phillipson b MacKenzie 20 Mohammad Ashraf not out 33 Al Shahriar not out 4

Extras: (lb-1, nb-7, w-2) 10 Total: (For three wkts in 29 overs) 86

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-25, 3-57 To bat (from): Khaled Mahmud, Khal ed Mashud, Tapash Baisya, Manjural Islam, Alok Kapali, Sanwar Hossain, Anwar Hossain

Bowler O M R W MacKenzie 8 2 21 1 Hopes 6 5 1 1 Magoffin 5 0 33 1 Petrie 4 2 9 0 Hauritz 4 1 10 0 Phillipson 2 0 11 0

Note: Queensland Academy. Total: 12 players per side, any 11 bat, any 11 bowl.

Kluivert linked with Gunners

AFP, London

Dutch star Patrick Kluivert has threatened to walk out on Spanish giants Barcelona who are trying to halve his salary and join English Premiership side Arsenal.

The 26-year-old, who is on six million euros a year, has told Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger he could be bought for as little as 1.8 million euros.

Original Flower now



AFP, Nottingham

Zimbabwe stalwart Grant Flower said it felt good to have stepped out of older brother Andy's shadow after making a match-winning 96 not out in the Africans' four-wicket triangular series opening win against England at Trent Bridge here on Thursday.

Zimbabwe came to England without world-class batsman Andy Flower, now at English county Essex, after his international retirement following a black armband protest against President Robert Mugabe at the World Cup.

Grant, who in partnership with 20-year-old Stuart Matsikenyeri rescued Zimbabwe from 15 for four as they chased a modest 192 for victory, admitted: "It feels very different with Andy not around. He had a lot of experience."

"There's definitely a lot more pressure on now. But it's one of those things we've got to live with and quite a few of us have been in his shadow for too long."

Zimbabwe, thrashed by an innings in both the Tests against England, also lost a one-day warm-up match against minnows Ireland earlier this month.

And they have also been dogged by anti-Mugabe protesters throughout the tour, the sort of external political pressure that most teams never have to face.

Grant, 32, said victory "meant a huge amount". He added: "You try to put the external stuff out of your mind. You can't do it all the time but if you are going to be a professional cricketer for Zimbabwe you've got to do it."

Captain Heath Streak led a disciplined performance in the field taking two for 30 while spinners Raymond Price, Douglas Marillier and Flower stifled England's middle order.

Between them the trio's 24 overs cost just 54 runs for two wickets as England stalled after a rapid start.

"We just stuck to a simple game plan," said Streak. "We were not scared to be positive. We tried to make the batsmen take risks, tried to make them play shots they didn't want to play early in the innings."

"Our bowlers put the ball in the right areas and I thought our spinners were superb," added Streak.

And he insisted the one-day form of the team which, unlike England, reached the second phase of the World Cup, had come as no surprise to him.

"It will always be hard work for Zimbabwe in Tests. We've always

been a better one-day side. We can compete. But we've got to keep learning."

Flower also paid tribute to Matsikenyeri, whose one-day international best 44, in only his fourth match at this level, helped him put on a match-turning 96 for the fifth wicket.

"Stuart played really well. He's got a bright future. He's not afraid to go for his shots."

England boycotted their World Cup match against Zimbabwe in Harare on safety grounds, a decision that many of their fans felt sealed their first round exit.

But, on this evidence, the victory that so many felt would have been England's looked far less assured.

"You can never tell," said a diplomatic Streak after his team saluted the Trent Bridge crowd with a lap of honour. "The teams are different."

Zimbabwe's next match in the triangular sees them up against South Africa at Canterbury on Sunday and Streak said: "South Africa are a good unit. They play a lot of one-day international cricket."

"There's a lot of experience with Jacques Kallis and Shaun Pollock. I rate (captain) Graeme Smith and Herschelle Gibbs at the top of the order is pretty scary."

No way in for Thorpe



AFP, Nottingham

England coach Duncan Fletcher ruled out a quick return for Graham Thorpe despite the team's continu-

ing mid-innings troubles. Surrey left-hander Thorpe, 33, has been out of international action for a year because of personal problems but has said he is available again.

Thorpe is renowned as the one of the best middle-order batsmen in world cricket and especially adept at

keeping an innings ticking over. But without him England, 50 for one off nine overs, were restricted to 191 for eight on the way to a four wicket defeat in their triangular series opener against Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge here on Thursday.

Both James Troughton (26 runs in three innings during England's 2-1 one-day series win over Pakistan) and Robert Key, who made a sluggish 11 on his one-day international debut at Trent Bridge, have been tried in Thorpe's number four spot.

However, despite their failures, Fletcher said he was ready to stand by the younger men following England's middle-order slumps.

"It's nice to have experience. But do you go back to picking the best players or do you prefer the young guys who you hope will be around in four years' time at the World Cup?," Fletcher asked.

But he admitted his fledglings had "got to learn quickly". He added: "You can't excuse us for not making enough runs. We should have got to a minimum 220, 230."

"At this level you've got to utilise the 15th to 35th overs," former Zimbabwe captain Fletcher added.

"You've got to figure out ways to score in these overs. At the end of the day it's all about ones and twos, risk management, the situation of the game and what shots are required."

Fletcher added he had no intention of dropping England captain Michael Vaughan down from his number three spot in a bid to bolster the middle-order.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. ACROSS: 1 Ex-larva trunk cavity, 5 Church seat, 8 Santa's runway, 12 Responsibility, 13 Expert vestments, 14 Dancing Queen group, 15 Flower-box locale, 16 Reality TV show, 18 Anticipate, 20 Less of a struggle, 21 O.K., 23 Meadow, 24 Party-goers' cry, 28 Pierce, 31 Blond shade, 32... others, 34 Yale, 35 Epistle writer, 37 Imagined, 39 Dickens pseudonym, 41 Serves the purpose, 42 Turned liquid.

Cryptogram puzzle. R D B L X Q C K E Q V V B B W P A W B A Q I I S X F C I I X W D P W F H Z D W J B J B E P C A B H W R P A K B E B L W S X Z K Q C L I Saturday's Cryptquip: THE FOREMAN REFRIMANDED A FIDGETY YOUNG CARPENTER FOR HABITUALLY BITING HIS NAILS. Today's Cryptquip Clue: I equals D