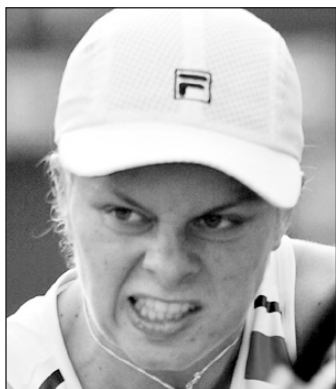




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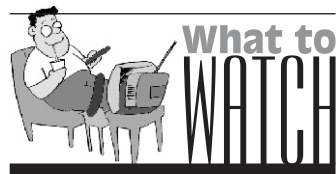
England beat South Africa by an innings and 18 runs and in doing that they lost only two wickets. England declared their innings at 531 for two and dismissed South Africa for 273 and 240 at Lord's in 1924.



Kim Clijsters

(Belgian tennis star)

"People have been saying a lot of things. I'm thinking about changing residency, and I spend a lot of time in Australia, but I'm really happy to go home from time to time."



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DRU soccer begins today

UNB, Dhaka

The Basundhara-DRU football

tournament, organised by Dhaka

Reporters Unity (DRU), begins

today at the Handball ground with

five matches billed for the opening

day.

BSS will take on Khabarpatra at

8 am, Bhorer Dak meet Al Amin at 9

am, Daily Star face Dinkal at 10 am,

Sangram encounter Khabar at 11

am while ATN Bangla play NNB at

12 pm.

State Minister for Youth and

Sports M Fazlur Rahman will

inaugurate the meet.

Board reviews selectors' role



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board is contemplating to add some more points to the terms and conditions before they name a new selection committee in mid-July.

This was extensively discussed during a meeting of the Board's advisory council at the BCB's Gulshan office on Sunday. The meeting also considered giving the selection policy a more professional outlook after it accepted the resignation of the three-member selection committee headed by Aliul Islam.

Aliul tendered his resignation in mid-June but none could confirm when his fellow-selectors Omar Khaled and GM Nowsher had resigned.

"We (the advisors) were surprised when our president (Ali Asghar) revealed in the meeting that both Khaled and Nowsher had also sent their resignation letters to him confidentially," said BCB advisor and Cricket Committee chairman Mahbubul Anam yesterday.

"We are also thinking to be more

professional in handling the selectors. Maybe there will be fresh terms and conditions for them," he added without elaborating.

Mahbub also said that the meeting approved the new payroll system for the national cricketers. The number of grades have been reduced from four to three.

According to the new system a Grade A cricketer will receive Taka 40,000 as monthly salary while a Grade B player would be getting Taka 30,000. For Grade C cricketers the salary has been fixed at Taka 20,000 per month.

A cricketer having played 61 or more ODIs for Bangladesh, a Test match is considered as two ODIs, will fall under Grade A while a player played 31 or more ODIs will fall under Grade B. The rest will be included in Grade C.

The new system is effective from the current Australia tour while a fresh list of 12 cricketers on the BCB payroll will be finalised by coach Dav Whatmore at the end of the tour.

According to Anam, all six cricketers now on Board's payroll, might not be kept in the new list. "It all depends on how they perform in Australia."

Jummon, Rana banned

SPORTS REPORTER

The League Committee of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has recommended to impose a three-year ban on Abahani coach Jummon Lusai and give captain Mahabubul Ahsan Rana a one-year suspension.

The punishments were handed down on them after an emergency meeting at the BHF's Maulana Bhasani Stadium office yesterday.

Both Jummon and Rana were found guilty of beating umpire Golam Kibria during the final moments of the Club Cup hockey final between Mohammedan and Abahani last Thursday.

The league committee has also recommended a fine of Taka 10,000 for each culprit. Faruque, another Abahani player, was served a three-match suspension while Nakib got a one-match ban.

But other two Abahani players Shishu and Alamgir escaped punitive measures due to insufficient evidence.

The recommendations of the league committee now await the final approval of the BHF's executive committee.

During the final of the two popular teams, Kibria was chased and mercilessly beaten by the unruly Abahani players and officials. The ugly episode, which took place in front of a host of dignitaries, began when Kibria awarded a penalty-corner against the Dhanmondi outfit in the dying moments of the of the match and Mohammedan's Prince stepped up to scored the 'golden goal.'



France captain Marcel Desailly (R) holds the Confederations Cup trophy with his Cameroon counterpart Rigobert Song after the final at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis on June 29.

Nat'l shooting ends Suraiya sets new mark

SPORTS REPORTER

The national shooting championship concluded at the Gulshan Shooting Club yesterday.

On the last day of the competition, which began on June 25, only one event was decided with Sabrina Sultana clinching gold in the 50-metre air rifle three position. It was Sabrina's second gold of the meet.

The leading marksman of the competition was Towfikur Rahman Alo who got three golds, all in pistol events.

However, Suraiya Akhter of Narayanjanj Rifle Club was the star of the show. She set a new national record in the air rifle event with a score of 391 on the opening day. Suraiya was the only Bangladesh shooter who could cross the 388-point qualifying mark during the world championship in Germany's capital Munich last month where she had recorded her previous best 389.



PHOTO: STAR

Sabrina Sultana, who won the 50-metre air rifle 3-position gold in the 18th national shooting championship, is flanked by Fawzia Khatun (L), who took the silver, and Suraiya Akhtar, bronze, yesterday.

U-23 find form

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Under-23 team enjoyed their first successful outing in Sri Lanka yesterday when they shot the Combined District Eleven (U-23) out for 99 on the opening day of their two-day match at the Rangari Stadium in Dambulla.

The tourists were in a commanding position on 153-1 at stumps. Left-handed opener Humayun Kabir was batting on 51 with one-down Nazimuddin, who struck an unbeaten 61.

It was a welcome relief for Nafees Iqbal's men after a disappointing first two weeks where the visitors lost four of their five-one day matches against different Lankan selections.

The left-right combination shared 101 runs for the undefeated second wicket after captain Nafees had departed for 31.

Kabir, who has been among the runs in Sri Lanka, kept up his consistency with t hammering six boundaries in his 127-ball vigil at the crease.

But it was the effort of the two young spinners Nadeef Chowdhury and Ali Arman that set the platform for the tourist to snuff a victory.

They shared six wickets among them after new ball bowler Alamgir Kabir had struck early in the Combined District Eleven innings.

Off-spinner Arman captured three wickets for six runs.

Left-arm spinner Nadeef, who is tipped as a future prospect of the country, returned with 3-16 from 10.2 overs.

BRIEF SCORE: (DAY 1)

Combined District XI: 99 all out in 42.2 overs (Peiris 16, Mohamad 17; Ali Arman 3-6, Nadeef 3-16, A Kabir 2-28)

Bangladesh U-23: 153-1 in 54 overs at stumps (H Kabir 51 batting, Nafees 31, Nazimuddin 61 batting)

The pair batted cautiously in the afternoon, but went on the ram-

C'more, then Lara-Sarwan



AFP, Kingston

Brian Lara and Ramnaresh Sarwan built on fast bowler Corey Collymore's seven-wicket effort to help the West Indies thrash Sri Lanka by seven wickets in the second and final Test here on Sunday.

Sarwan and Lara drove home the advantage created by Collymore with a 161-run stand for the third wicket as the West Indies comfortably chased a 212-run target to clinch the two-match series with more than two days to spare.

The opening Test at St Lucia had ended in a draw.

Lara hammered an unbeaten 80 and Sarwan a stroke-filled 82 to complete the job begun by Collymore, who finished with a career-best 7-57 to prevent Sri Lanka from setting a stiff fourth-innings target.

Sri Lanka were shot out for 194 in their second innings after resuming at 129-5, with Collymore taking the remaining five wickets for 31 in eight incisive overs to return the best figures by a West Indian at Sabina Park.

Only Englishmen Trevor Bailey (7-34 in 1954) and John Snow (7-49 in 1968), and West Indian Wes Hall (7-69 in 1960) had captured seven wickets at this venue before Collymore.

Sarwan and Lara batted resolutely to ensure their team did not repeat the first-innings mistakes when the hosts were dismissed for 191 in reply to Sri Lanka's 208.

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page in the last session as they severely punished fast bowler Prabath Nissanka, who had wrecked the West Indies with five wickets in the first innings.

The West Indies plundered 92 runs off just 11.4 overs.

Lara began it when he hit Nissanka for two boundaries in an over and Sarwan continued it as he pulled the same bowler for a six and two fours in the next over.

Sarwan struck one six and 13 fours in his 110-ball knock for the 16th Test half-century, while Lara hit one six and nine fours in his 41st.

Sri Lanka's hopes of keeping pressure on the West Indies depended on key seamer Chaminda Vaas and off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, but both looked ineffective after sharing two early wickets.

Chris Gayle was trapped leg-before by Vaas, while Wavell Hinds (29) was bowled attempting to sweep Muralitharan.

Lara and Sarwan then did not allow the Sri Lankan bowlers to dominate with their robust knocks.

The morning session belonged to Collymore, a 25-year-old Barbadian who took his second successive haul of five or more scalps in a Test innings.

Collymore, who had taken five wickets in his comeback Test at St Lucia last week, looked virtually unplayable as none of the Sri Lankan batsmen could cope with his pace and bounce.

Playing only his third Test after making his debut against Australia four years ago, Collymore began the slide with his 10th delivery when he bowled last specialist b a t s m a n

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PHOTO: AFP

CELEBRATING THE COLLYMORE STYLE: An airborne West Indies fast Corey Collymore (L) swaps the high-five with captain Brian Lara after he bowled Sri Lanka captain Hashan Tillakaratne on way to taking career-best 7-57 on the third day of the second Test at Kingston on June 29.

France win Foe final

able evening.

Both sides then came together for a lap of honour, carrying a lifesize photograph of Foe with them as the player's name rang around the stadium.

France coach Jacques Santini said: "This final feels somehow unfinished because of the circumstances it was played in.

"A family has lost a member and someone who was dear to us has gone forever.

"We had to learn how to win with several key players missing," he added, referring to the missing Zinedine Zidane. "This is going to give the younger players confidence and will make the older players more confident in the younger ones."

His opposite number, Winfried Schafer, said it was "absolutely right" to play the final.

"It was the wish of the team, Marc-Vivien's wife and me to play tonight," said the German coach.

"And it was a beautiful game, good for football and the fans.

"We wanted to win the Cup. Marc-Vivien wanted to win it, and I'm proud of my team."



AFP, Paris

A golden goal by Thierry Henry lifted France to a 1-0 victory over Cameroon in the Confederations Cup final on a night thick with emotion at the Stade de France here Sunday.

Henry's close-range finish with the ball bouncing off his knee in the seventh minute of extra time earned the hosts back-to-back titles in a competition that was jolted by Thursday's death of Cameroon international Marc-Vivien Foe.

France captain Marcel Desailly insisted on lifting the trophy jointly with Cameroon skipper Rigobert Song, a lifelong friend of Foe, in a gesture that summed up a remark-

Serena & others dodge rain



AGENCIES, London

Rain drenched Wimbledon on Monday but held off just long enough for five of the leading women's contenders, led by defending champion Serena Williams, to storm through to the quarterfinals.

Top seed Serena, who has yet to drop a set, clubbed Russian Elena Dementieva 6-2, 6-2 on Centre Court and she was quickly joined by sister Venus, fellow Americans Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport and second seed Kim Clijsters of Belgium.

Barring Serena's path to the semis is eighth seeded Capriati who beat Russian 10th seed Anastasia Myskina 6-2, 6-3.

Serena, who is bidding for a fifth Grand Slam title in six events, romped into a 4-0 lead in just nine minutes but then her hitting became somewhat erratic and Dementieva gratefully held before a barrelling forehand which wrong-footed the American saw her break back in the sixth game.

But the champion broke back immediately to put the pressure right back on the 21-year-old from Moscow and wrapped up the set in only 22 minutes.

Serena had a trio of break points at the start of the second set, missed all three then squandered three more before netting from close range to fall a game behind.

She then had to recover from 0-30 to bring through her next serve but the 21-year-old's extra power gave her another gear as she raced to three more break points before

As a mark of respect to their absent teammate Cameroon discarded their traditional green and yellow colours for plain white with black armbands.

Foe's widow, Marie-Louise, and his brother were among the 52,000 crowd on hand to witness a match which Cameroon wanted to act as a poignant tribute to their fallen 'Indomitable Lion'.

The 28-year-old father of three collapsed and died in the 72nd minute of his country's semi-final win against Colombia in Lyon on Thursday.

Before the match, the two sides linked arms before the national anthems in the centre of the pitch to observe a minute's silence.

The Cameroon players had insisted on playing the final to honour Foe's memory and once the whistle blew, the match took on an energy of its own.

French skipper Marcel Desailly's first minute pot shot at Idris Keremi's goal dispelled any fears that this unique occasion might produce some kind of half-hearted impersonation of a football match.

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world number 16 Dementieva chopped into the net to drop serve to love.

Dementieva pulled out a neat stop volley as she saved one of three break points with Serena leading 4-2 but a crunching forehand from the favourite left the Russian on the verge of defeat.

Serving for victory Serena, who powered down six aces, raced to triple match point, double faulted and looked disgusted with herself.

She then glared as a crosscourt drive landed wide but then accepted the win third time round when Dementieva sent a double-fisted effort wide at full stretch after 51 min.

Venus opened her shock French Avon defeat by Vera Zvonareva to storm into the last eight for the sixth straight year.

Heavy overnight rain had delayed the start of the match for an hour and Williams appeared determined not to be kept waiting around a minute longer than necessary as she raced to a 5-0 lead in the opening set.

Zvonareva put up more resistance in the second set but she was unable to prevent the American from completing a 6-1, 6-3 victory in exactly an hour.

Williams, seeded fourth, has yet to drop a single set and conceded just 16 games in her four matches.

Ominously for Davenport, there has not been the slightest hint of

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