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Hanif Mohammed of Pakistan once batted for 16 hours and 10 minutes - nearly 3 full days - against the West Indies, scoring 337*.



Maria Mutola

(Mozambique's star athlete) "Of course this sort of money makes people in Mozambique jealous as it is beyond their wildest dreams but at the same time they are proud of me." After winning the Golden League jackpot.



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- Who won the Spanish Super Cup?
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Noagaon to the fore

SPORTS REPORTER

Nammi of Noagaon became champion in the Under-13 Boy's Singles event of the JICA-BKSP Friendship Tennis Tournament beating Sonom of BKSP 6-1, 6-0 at the tennis circuit of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan in Savar yesterday.

Kibria Ayida of Noagaon clinched the girl's under-13 event title beating Sadia of BKSP 6-0, 6-1.

RU football

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Inter-department football tournament of Rajshahi University (RU) began yesterday at the varsity ground.

Folklore Department defeated Pharmacy Department 1-0 in the inaugural match.

Hayden scored the lone goal for the winners.

Brave Tigers think ahead

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD from Multan

After the heart breaking in the third and final Test on Saturday Bangladesh cricketers were trying to gather their composure before switching their focus to the instant version of the game.

The brave Tigers, who lost the cliff-hanger by one wicket at the Multan Stadium, forgot how close they came to winning their first-ever Test and spent the Sunday morning practising at the same place they in tears only the other day.

Khaled Mahmud's men also did not show any signs of fatigue after the three close-fought Tests. They know that the home side has virtually

declared war by naming its playing eleven for the first one-day international at this ground on Tuesday.

The change of mood in the Pakistan camp was clearly understandable after the news of their captain Rashid Latif being banned for five ODIs had filtered through.

Pakistan named Inzamamul Haq as new captain for the five-match one-day series after the big man from Multan stood before Bangladesh and victory with a masterly unbeaten 138 in the final Test to give the hosts a 3-0 win.

But despite the defeats in the longer-version, Bangladesh showed tremendous improvement and self-belief that they are bridging the gap with the big boys of international cricket.

Speaking at the end of the practice, captain Mahmud said that they

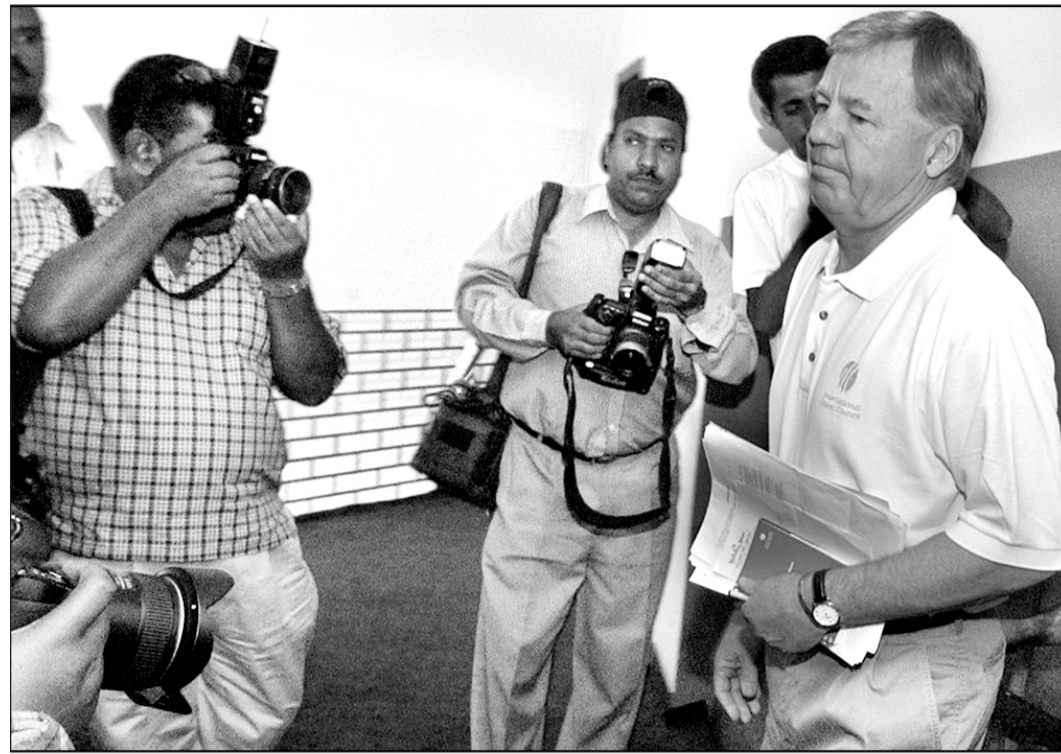
would make some changes in the batting order without giving any details.

Coach Dav Whatmore is expected to announce the squad for the first ODI today. The architect of 'new Bangladesh' however decided to rest five key players in yesterday's training session.

Besides the captain, run-machine Habibul Bashar, wicket-keeper Khaled Mashud, new find Rajin Saleh and paceman Tapas Baisya were also excused after their outstanding performances in the Test series.

Meanwhile, three players -- opener Javed Omar, left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam and Anwar Hossain Monir left Multan for Karachi yesterday morning. They are expected to

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ICC match referee Mike Proctor arrives in Multan yesterday to announce a five-match ODI ban against Pakistan skipper Rashid Latif.

ICC take note!

STAR SPORT REPORT

Bangladesh were fighting a different battle off the field while their cricketers were locked in the blood and thunder clash on it.

It was learnt from a reliable source that the third umpire for the final Test at Multan, Pakistan's Aleem Dar, refused to record a formal protest from the Bangladesh team management during lunch on day three regarding the controversial catch by Pakistan captain and wicketkeeper Rashid Latif to dismiss Alok Kapali.

Seeing that Latif had grassed Kapali before he had completed the catch from TV replays, the Bangladesh team management requested Dar to take note of the incident. However, Dar, apparently playing a true patriot, forgot about his professional duties. That prompted Tigers' manager MA Latif to file an official complaint to match referee Mike Proctor just before the 18-hour deadline for a

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6th Asia Cup BHF names 20 today

SPORTS REPORTER

A 16-member Bangladesh hockey team is expected to head for Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur on September 17 to take part in the 6th Asia Cup.

The tournament will be held from September 21 to 28.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) will announce a 20-member squad today and will also name the officials. The final team will consist of 16 players. The residential camp will begin tomorrow at the BKSP.

"The Bangladesh team is almost sure to play a couple of practice matches against Malaysia's national team before the tournament starts," said BHF general secretary Shamsul Bari.

Bangladesh have been placed in Group B along with super powers India and Pakistan and China. Group A comprises of Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and hosts Malaysia.

Weightlifter off to China

SPORTS REPORTER

A two-member Bangladesh weightlifting team leaves today for China to take part in the 35th Asian Senior Men's Weightlifting Competition.

Bangladesh team comprises of one player Hamidul Islam of Bangladesh Army and one official-National Sports Council coach Mohammad Mutaleb.

'We're closer to winning'

Cricket

AFP, Multan

Bangladesh, who came desperately close to their first cricket Test win this weekend, now have the self-belief to win matches and victories will follow, their coach Dav Whatmore said on Sunday.

Pakistan pipped the tourists by just one wicket here on Saturday, only the second time the home side has achieved the feat after victory over Australia in Karachi in 1994-5.

But Whatmore said he was confident that Bangladesh, who were whitewashed 3-0 in the series following seven- and nine-wicket defeats in Karachi and Peshawar, were getting closer to their first victory after 24 Tests without a win.

"The self-belief of Bangladesh team is now good enough to win matches," said Whatmore. "I believe the desire to win matches, the willingness and collectively the feeling is growing."

Several Bangladeshi players were weeping in the dressing room after they were denied by an unbeaten 138 from Inzamamul Haq, who was also involved in the 1994-5 last-wicket stand against Australia.

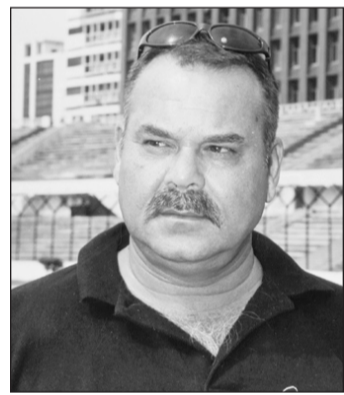
"We were unlucky not to win the Multan Test but our performance beckons that we will do better in future," said captain Khaled

Mahmud, who took over as skipper in April following Bangladesh's winless World Cup.

Whatmore, who took over as coach in June, said the Pakistan Test series was a good platform for the future for Bangladesh, who will host England in their next Test series.

"The performance in this series provides a good platform for future matches as on the whole there are some improvements to be made in different areas," Whatmore said.

"I will make sure they come along sooner than later," said the portly Whatmore, who was born in



DAV WHATMORE

Colombo, Sri Lanka but played seven Tests for Australia in the 1980s.

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Watch the ODIs on BTV

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Television (BTV) is all set to provide live coverage of the five match one-day international series between Bangladesh and Pakistan starting tomorrow.

"We have finalised everything to telecast live all one day matches between Bangladesh and Pakistan," General Manager of BTV Abu Taher told The Daily Star yesterday.

The state-run media's initiative will help cricket crazy fans all over the country to enjoy the matches.

The BTV's reluctance to arrange live coverage of three-Test Super Asia series meant that only a privileged few with cable connection could watch the matches on TEN Sports.

FIXTURE

Sep 9: 1st ODI, Multan
Sep 12: 2nd ODI, Faisalabad
Sep 15: 3rd ODI, Lahore
Sep 18: 4th ODI, Rawalpindi
Sep 21: 5th ODI, Karachi

Bhulia for Brothers?

SPORTS REPORTER

Star Indian footballer Baichung Bhulia could make his maiden appearance in the Dhaka Premier League for a rejuvenated Brothers Union Club.

The Gopibagh team is trying their best to sign the ace Indian striker for at least some crucial matches if not the whole league.

An influential Brothers official opting anonymity informed yesterday that a club official will fly to India within a couple of days to have talks with Bhulia, who recently returned home after a brief stint with a Malaysia club.

"He reportedly came back because of an injury. We already made contact with him and are hopeful of getting him," the official said.

He also revealed that someone from the club will visit Russia soon to look for a coach and some good players.

Brothers, once a respected name in the country's sports fraternity, has fallen on lean times. However, they are bidding to return to the glory days by breaking the bank during this season's inter-club players transfers.

ODI series Captain Inzamam

SPORTS REPORTER from Multan

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) yesterday named Inzamamul Haq as stand-in captain for the one-day series against Bangladesh in the aftermath of Rashid Latif's ban.

Latif was banned for five matches for his unsporting behaviour in taking a catch on the third day of the final Test here on Friday.

The PCB also announced the playing eleven for the first ODI that takes place here tomorrow.

Debutant Kamran Akmal will replace Latif behind the stumps.

The squad also contains another new face in Junaid Zia, who is the son of PCB chairman Gen Tauqir Zia.

Junaid is a right-arm medium fast bowler and recently toured South Africa with the Academy team.

The squad has been reinforced with the return of all-rounder Abdul Razzak and pinch-hitter Imran Nazir. Both players missed the three-match Test series that Pakistan won 3-0.

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Harmison holds SA back

Cricket

AFP, London

Stephen Harmison's double strike revived England's hopes of a series squaring win on the fourth day of the fifth and final Test against South Africa at The Oval here Sunday.

At tea, the Proteas were 101 for four in their second innings, still 19 behind after Andrew Flintoff's rapid 95 had propelled England to 604 for nine declared and a first innings lead of 120 earlier Sunday.

South Africa, 2-1 up, and looking for their first series win in England since 1965, were 93 for two when fast bowler Harmison took two wickets in four balls for no runs.

Gritty left-hander Gary Kirsten, who made 190 runs in South Africa's 191 run fourth Test win at Headingley, had made 29 when he edged a rare full length ball from Harmison to first slip Marcus Trescothick.

And Harmison then had Jacques Kallis lbw for 35 after the all-rounder went back across his stumps leaving the tourists tottering on 93 for four.

At tea, Neil McKenzie was three not out and Jacques Rudolph four not out.

South Africa started the second session on 10 without loss, a deficit of 110 with captain Graeme Smith two not out and Herschelle Gibbs unbeaten on eight.

Gibbs, dropped on his lunch score by Trescothick off Martin

Bicknell, made just one more run before he was out.

Gibbs, carving at fast bowler James Anderson, edged behind to wicketkeeper Alec Stewart, England's most capped player, playing in his 133rd and last Test before international retirement, who took a safe catch on his home ground.

South Africa were now 24 for one and 10 runs later they lost their second wicket when Stewart's Surrey team-mate Bicknell struck.

Left-hander Smith played outside the paceman's inswinging and was plumb lbw for 19.

At 34 for two, South Africa were still 86 behind.

Smith, at 22 his country's youngest ever captain, ended the series with 714 runs at an average of 79.33, a tally boosted by his two double hundreds in the first two Tests.

Earlier, Flintoff faced just 104 balls and smashed four sixes and 12 fours.

He dominated a stand of 99 with Harmison, who contributed three to a partnership that surpassed England's previous ninth-wicket record of 71 against South Africa which had stood since 1891-92.

Harmison, who took 21 balls to score his first runs, was six not out off 40 balls when England captain Michael Vaughan declared shortly before lunch.

Flintoff scored 85 runs in 77 balls Sunday as he flayed the Proteas attack all over the biggest Test ground in England, with the tourists' pace quartet conceding over 100

runs each.

But in sight of his third Test hundred, Flintoff was bowled by left-arm wrist spinner Paul Adams after two hours 11 minutes at the crease. England had resumed on 502 for seven, a lead of 18, with Flintoff 10 not out and Bicknell 10 not out.

But three balls into Sunday's play Bicknell fell without scoring after he was lbw to fast bowler Shaun Pollock.

Flintoff was especially severe on Kallis, whose first five overs Sunday cost 27 runs.

He also hoisted Adams for a huge six over mid-wicket to go into the 90s. But next ball, trying to repeat the stroke, he was bowled.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the fifth and final Test between England and South Africa at The Oval on Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 484 (H Gibbs 183, G Kirsten 90, S Pollock 66 not out, J Kallis 66)

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 502-7)
Trescothick c Rudolph b Ntini 219
Vaughan c Gibbs b Pollock 23
Butcher lbw b Hall 32
Thorpe b Kallis 124
Smith lbw b Hall 16
Stewart lbw b Pollock 38
Flintoff b Adams 95
Giles c Hall b Kallis 2
Bicknell lbw b Pollock 0
Harmison not out 6
Anderson not out 0
Extras: (b-11, lb-18, w-9, nb-11) 49
Total: (For 9 wickets declared in 162 overs) 604

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Roddick, Ferrero go head-to-head

US OPEN

AFP, New York

New world number one Juan Carlos Ferrero and ATP Champions Race leader Andy Roddick meet for the first time here Sunday in the US Open final, a showdown that could be the start of something special.

On the same Arthur Ashe Stadium court where Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras played the last match of their epic series in last year's final, two rising stars seeking a breakthrough Grand Slam triumph will begin a new rivalry.

"If Andy has a great serving day, it's going to be tough for anybody to beat him," Agassi said.

"But if he's a little off and Juan Carlos gets into some of the points, Andy is going to feel him."

Third seed Ferrero, the French Open champion, took the top ranking from Agassi by beating him 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 here Saturday in the semifinals.

"To be number one, it's a special day for me," Ferrero said. "I worked a lot for this number one. I'm really happy to be number one. It's my first time and I'm going to work really hard to stay number one."

Ferrero became only the second Spaniard to reach number one, after Carlos Moya earned the spot for two weeks in March of 1999, and reached his first Grand Slam final outside the red clay of Roland Garros.

"He probably doesn't get enough respect," Roddick said.

"Maybe people don't realise what a good player he has become. Maybe a match like today is what he needed for people to take notice. It's

going to be very tough."

Ferrero, 23, can become Spain's first hardcourt Slam winner ever and first US Open winner since Manuel Orantes won on clay in 1975. Ferrero called beating Agassi the greatest hardcourt victory of his career.

"I think I did the perfect match," Ferrero said.

"I'm playing very good on

"I came here so many times when I was younger. I can't believe I'm actually in a US Open final. That being said, it would be great to go one step further."

Roddick, 21, fired a career-best 38 aces to win his 18th match in a row and first Slam semi-final after earlier semi losses at Wimbledon and the Australian Open. He found



JUAN CARLOS FERRERO



ANDY RODDICK

hardcourts. I think they don't know me because I haven't played so well here. This time I think they'll know me pretty good.

"I think right now, it's my time." US fourth seed Roddick has similar notions after saving a match point to ignite a comeback that lifted him past Argentina's 13th-seeded David Nalbandian 6-7, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1, 6-3 and into his first Grand Slam final.

"I'm pumped," Roddick said.

maturity helped keep him from panic when he faced defeat.

"If this had happened a year ago, I probably would have freaked out that I was down, gotten upset," Roddick said.

"I tried to keep it pretty even keel." The five-setter drained Roddick of precious energy he might need against Ferrero.

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The toughest Belgian

US OPEN

AFP, New York

Justine Henin-Hardenne, uncertain of even playing due to dehydration and fatigue, routed top-ranked Kim Clijsters 7-5, 6-1 here Saturday in the US Open final to capture her second Grand Slam tennis title.

Less than 24 hours after taking intravenous fluids following a three-hour semi-final struggle with American Jennifer Capriati, Henin-Hardenne overpowered her Belgian compatriot, winning nine of the last 10 games.

"I'm the happiest woman in the world right now," Henin-Hardenne said.

"I was feeling very tired but when you have to play a Grand Slam final, you cannot be tired. You have to give your best."

Henin-Hardenne ripped 18 winners past Clijsters, who made 40 unforced errors and was not a factor after rallying from 3-0 down to lead 5-4 in the first set.

"It's very disappointing to have lost here," Clijsters said. "I felt like Justine was too strong, had an answer for a lot of my shots."

Henin-Hardenne, 21, beat Clijsters, 20, in June's French Open final for her first Slam crown. Both women were ousted in the fourth round here last year.

"I always thought the first win in a Grand Slam would be the most important one, but it's a great feeling because it's a very different victory from the French Open," Henin-Hardenne said.

"I never really played well at the US Open."

Clijsters remains number one, the lone woman ever in the spot without a Slam title. Henin-Hardenne is only 8-8 lifetime against Clijsters but 5-1 in finals against her and the two Slam titles

show who is truly best.

"Maybe it means the French Open wasn't an accident," Henin-Hardenne said. "It's great confirmation. It's just amazing. Two Slams in one year, I couldn't believe I could do it this year but I feel stronger than

I've been.

"I knew I wasn't going to let this match go. I had to win because I had the match under control and it was important for me to play well in the

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OH MY GOD! Belgian Justine Henin-Hardenne is relieved after beating compatriot Kim Clijsters to win her first US Open singles title on Saturday.