# SPORT

# The Daily Star

the breaker but Nadal wasn't to be

denied clinching the set with an ace

The Spaniard, who was only

one-year-old when Agassi made his

1987 debut, then raced through the

second set 6-2 with breaks in the

first and seventh games, wrapping it

point in the entire match and, at

times in the third set, he looked his

age as he took a breather on a

Nadal was unstoppable, break-

ing to lead 4-3 before winning the

match, and sparking a standing

ovation for Agassi, with another ace

after 2hr and 14min of one-sided

Nadal now faces Georgian

qualifier Irakli Labadze for a place in

the quarterfinals while Agassi heads

home to prepare for his US Open

Agassi never carved out a break

after 63 minutes.

up with another ace.

linesman's chair.

action

swansong.

# **Trueman passes away**

### Cricket

#### AFP, Leeds

England fast bowling great Fred Trueman has died at the age of 75, his wife announced Saturday. "We lost Fred at 12.15pm

(1115GMT) this afternoon," Veronica Trueman said. Yorkshire legend Trueman, the

first man to take 300 Test wickets, against Australia at The Oval in 1964, was diagnosed with a form of lung cancer in May

His final Test haul of 307 wickets was a world record which stood until 1976, when it was broken by West Indies off-spinner Lance Gibbs.

Trueman made his Yorkshire debut in 1949 and retired from first-class cricket 20 years later, having taken more than 2,000 wickets

Although the massive growth in the number of Test matches since Trueman retired means several bowlers have surpassed his record, few have equalled his average of 21.57 or his strike-rate of a wicket every 49 balls.

He later became well-known as a broadcaster on BBC Radio's Test Match Special, where millions of listeners relished his catchphrase, "I just don't know what's going off out there," as he decried the state of the modern game.

He also found fame with a totally different audience later in life when his daughter married the son of American actress Raquel Welch.

Former Yorkshire and England captain Brian Close, who was in the Yorkshire team when Trueman made his debut in 1949 and went on to lead him in the county's hugely successful era in the 1960s, said cricket would be the poorer for Trueman's passing.

"I captained many great cricketers -- but none finer." Close told reporters at Yorkshire's Headingley headquarters, where England were playing a one-day international against Sri Lanka on Saturday.

"Yorkshire has lost a great cricketer and a great character. He was a great wit -- a lovely fellow, and we all enjoyed his company and playing with him."

And Close said Trueman's work-rate for both club and country made him stand out from cur-

#### rent cricketers

"He was a great outswing "He was better than they are bowler -- a fast bowler who also made it go away off the pitch," now, got through so much more work -- 1100 overs in a season. added Close of Trueman, whose



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TEST MATCH BOWLING RECORD							
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1949: Began a 20-year first-class career when he made his Yorkshire debut against							
Cambridge University at Fenner's.							
1952: Made his England debut, against India at Headingley. He took seven wickets in							
the match, including four for 27 in the second innings.							
July: Took eight for 31 against India at Old Trafford to record the then-best Test figures							
by any fast bowler.							
<b>1953:</b> Named one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year.							
<b>1964:</b> Made cricket history at The Oval where he had Australian Neil Hawke caught at							
slip by Colin Cowdrey to become the first bowler to take 300 Test wickets:							
<b>1965:</b> Retired from Test cricket after his 67th match, with a world-record 307 wickets.							
He finished with a career average of 21.57.							
1969: Retired from first-class cricket, having been part of the Yorkshire team which won							
six county chamionships in the 1960s and three in a row from 1966-1968. He took							

2,304 first-class wickets at only 18.29 runs apiece.

1972: After a short-lived return with Derbyshire, in limited-overs cricket only, Trueman retired at the age of 41.

Already a newspaper columnist, he became a pundit on BBC Radio's Test Match Special programme.

2006: In May, after reports of an illness, it was confirmed he was suffering from lung cancer and his death was announced on July 1.

pace partnership with Brian Statham was the mainstay of the England attack from the middle 1950s to the early 1960s.

England batting great Geoff Boycott, who made his Yorkshire debut when Trueman was a senior figure in the side in the 1960s, said: "He always said something that made you laugh -- I can't repeat most of it -- but he was also genuinely fast, nasty, aggressive and a truly great bowler.

"Great is an over-used word -but he was great. He didn't play against Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, he bowled against West Indies when they had great batsmen like (Rohan) Kanhai, (Frank) Worrell, (Everton) Weekes, (Clyde) Walcott, and (Garry) Sobers."

Raymond Illingworth, another ongstanding Yorkshire colleague of Trueman's said: "You hear a lot about how good certain fast bowlers have been but this fellow was really the best, there is absolutely no doubt about that.

"He was a great character but with a bit of fun about him and he was never nasty," said the offspinner who went on to captain England after leaving Yorkshire for Leicestershire

"We played for twenty years together from being no more than boys in 1948 and I have lost a great friend and colleague."

Cricketers from abroad also recognised Trueman's quality.

Former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, the match referee at Headingley, who came into county cricket with Lancashire just as Trueman's career was winding down in one-day matches for Derbyshire, said: "I never faced him but I know he was one of the finest fast bowlers we have ever seen

"We have lost a great friend and a great cricketer.'

England came out to field at Headingley wearing black armbands and, as further marks of respect, there was a minute's applause and then silence before Sri Lanka's innings began.

Yorkshire also flew flags at Headingley at half-mast and Stewart Regan, the club's chief executive, said: "Yorkshire County Cricket Club sends its condolences to Fred's wife Veronica, family and friends. "We are all deeply upset at this

news.'

## I'll come back stronger, says beaten Hingis

#### AFP, London

Martina Hingis believes she still has a Grand Slam winning future despite a shattering third round defeat at Wimbledon. Hingis, the champion in 1997

AFP, London

appearance.

temperatures.

Andre Agassi's epic Wimbledon

journey, which began in misery in

triumph, came to an end on

Saturday when Rafael Nadal sent

him crashing out on his farewell

for the Spanish world number two

who made the most of his 16-year

advantage to pile on the pain for the

American, winning their third round

Agassi, playing in his 14th and

final Wimbledon, simply wilted

under a combination of Nadal's

constant brutal barrage as well as

the searing 30-degree Centre Court

clash 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-4.

The 36-year-old was no match

1987 and peaked with his 1992 title

and playing here for the first time since 2001, lost 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 to Japanese veteran Ai Sugiyama but is convinced she can turn defeat to her advantage.

"In the past, losses made me stronger. I knew what I had to work on to continue to progress," said the 25-year-old with 41 career titles to her name

The Swiss refuses to treat defeat as a major setback having already marked her comeback season with a title in Rome as well as guarterfinal runs at the Australian and French Opens.

At the start of the year, she was watching. ranked 349; six months later she is the world number 15 and was seeded 12 here.

"I won Rome and I was still moving up. At the French Open, I didn't think I did anything wrong and I was playing better as the tournament progressed," said Hingis.

"But the guarterfinal was against Kim (Clijsters). You can't play her if you're not hundred percent.

"Then in the last couple of weeks, I've been training and I thought I was doing better. But there are certain things I have to think about."

Hingis is also convinced that her status as an outsider for a Grand Slam title can work in her favour and hopes to put that to good use when she heads to the US Open later in the summer.

"There is less pressure on me now. I'm still not the favorite to win Grand Slams. Definitely I'm in that kind of circle to be able to, but not someone who has won it recently.

"The pressure's not as big on me as some of the other players."

set slip against the 18th seeded

"Even at 3-0. it was still verv draining," said the 25-year-old Hingis.

### LEADING SCORERS

(Australia), Appiah (Ghana), R Ayala Argentina), Bakhtiarizadeh (Iran), Barnetta (Switzerland), Beckham (England), Cambiasso (Argentina), J Cole (England), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), Crouch (Angola), Fonseca (Mexico), Fred (Brazil), (Brazil), Golmohammadi (Iran), R Gomez (Italy), Jaidi (Tunisia), Jaziri (Tunisia) а 30 (Germany), Larsson (Sweden), Lee Chun-200 soo (South Korea), Ljungberg (Sweden), Marquez Alvarez (Mexico), Materazzi a (Italy), Messi (Argentina), Mnari (Tunisia), Japan), Neuville (Germany), Park Ji-sung (South Korea), Pauleta (Portugal), Pirlo (Italy), Raul (Spain), Rebrov (Ukraine), Ribery (France), Robben (Netherlands) Rusol (Ukraine), Saviola (Argentina) Senderos (Switzerland), Simao Sabrosa (Portugal), Srna (Croatia), Tamada (Japan) 3. Tevez (Argentina), Totti (Italy), Van (Serbia-Montenegro), Zinha (Mexico)

#### Nadal finishes off Agassi "I'll never be able to repay you for Slams, was two points from taking WIMBLEDON

how you've embraced me and I thank you for that

"Thanks for having me." Nadal paid tribute to the American

"It's unbelievable to play against Andre. He's one of the best players in history. I congratulate him on his career.

Dogged by constant back pain in recent seasons, Agassi had already announced his intention to quit after the US Open later this year.

If he had any doubts over that decision, they would have rapidly disappeared after his face-to-face meeting with the muscle-bound double French Open champion, the future of the sport.

Nadal was always on top despite needing a tie-break to settle the first

Agassi had to save two break points in both the fourth and sixth games as well as three set points in the tenth





# **Taylor troubles India**

frontline batsman showed the level of adaptability that was required. India had early knowledge that it was going to be a tough day for them when

they slid to three runs for two wickets

the match, and Taylor had Wasim Jaffer

comprehensively beaten and bowled for

one by a delivery moving back in the

Dravid came to the wicket and with

Venkatsai Laxman put their heads down

takingly carried India to 29 for two at

to defy the West Indies attack and pains-

fourth over

lunch

West Indies and India at Sabina Park on inside the first half-hour. Friday Openers Virender Sehwag and **INDIA:** First innings Wasim Jaffer, both thorns in the West Indies' side in the three previous Tests, failed to survive the opening burst from Taylor and new-ball partner Pedro Collins and were both dismissed cheaply. Sehwag was caught at forward short leg off Collins for a duck in the first over of

Jaffer b Tavlor Sehwag c Sarwan b Collins 0 Laxman c (sub) Morton b Bravo 18 Dravid c Ramdin b Collymore 81 Yuvrai Ibw b Tavlor 19 Kaif c Lara b Taylor 13 Dhoni c Bravo b Collymore 3 45 Kumble b Bravo Harbhajan not out

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening

day of the fourth and final Test between

SCOREBOARD



unmoved

28th over.

tional.

one.

Japanese on Friday.

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(England), Cuevas (Paraguay), Deco (Portugal), Dempsey (USA), Dramani (Ghana), Drogba (Ivory Coast), Flavio Frings (Germany), Gilardino (Italy), Gilberto (Costa Rica), Gyan (Ghana), laquinta (Italy), Ilic (Serbia-Montenegro), F Inzaghi Juanito (Spain), Juninho (Brazil), Kaka (Brazil), Kalou (Ivory Coast), Kalynychenko (Ukraine), Kaviedes (Ecuador), Kewell (Australia), Koller (Czech Republic), B Kone (Ivory Coast), N Kovac (Croatia), Lahm Mohamed Kader (Togo), CA Moore (Australia), Muntari (Ghana), Nakamura Nistelrooy (Netherlands), Van Persie (Netherlands), Xabi Alonso (Spain), Ze Roberto (Brazil), Zidane (France), Zigic

Hingis let a 3-0 lead in the final



by an England batsman against a leading nation since he himself made 104 not out at Headingley Brazilian Joao Havelange was elected new president of world governing body FIFA in against Australia nearly a year ago and gave England, already 4-0 down in the five-match series, 1974, replacing Britain's Sir Stanley Rous.



After stand-in skipper Andrew Strauss, one of the contenders to take over the leadership full-time from the injured Michael Vaughan, won the toss, England found runs hard to come by. Chaminda Vaas managed the unusual feat in a one-day international of starting with two succes-sive maidens, the experienced left-armer getting early swing and repeatedly beating the outside edge with England taking 16 balls to score a run off bim

hope of avoiding a wipeout.

to score a run off him. Trescothick then found his touch against Lasith Malinga, carving him over point for four and next ball pulling him to the bound-

the centrepiece of England's 321 for seven against Sri Lanka as they looked to avoid their worst limited overs series whitewash, at Headingley here Saturday.

Trescothick's 121 was the first

Cook cut first-change Dilhara Fernando's first ball for four to bring up a fifty stand with his fellow left-hander in 81 balls. But off the last ball of the over

Trescothick, on 36, survived a huge appeal for caught behind, with Sri Lanka convinced he had inside-edged the ball through to wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara. However Cook, on 41, went when he cut Farveez Maharoof to Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene at extra-cover to

ve England 82 for one in the eave Eng 18th over.

Trescothick then took a quick single off Fernando to go to a 59-ball fifty with nine fours and later Cook c Jayawardene b Maharoof41

the title yet.

needed to beat two top teams."

But, on 65, Sri Lanka were again adamant Trescothick had **4**4 alrymple been caught behind, off Dilshan. Sangakkara threw the ball up in celebration, but West Indian Jones lbw umpire Billy Doctrove was At half-way England were well-placed for a big score at 137 for Bresnan Mal n g And when leg-spinner Malinga Bandara came on, Trescothick stylishly forced him off the back-Plunkett n o t foot for four through the covers. Extras: (lb-9, w-11, nb-But a second-wicket partner-ship of 75 was ended when Bell, trying to steer Fernando down to Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 hird man, was caught one-handed by a diving Sangakkara to leave England 157 for two in the 321 Fall of wickets: 1-82, 2-157, 225, 4-233, 5-295, 6-304, 7-308 Trescothick completed his hundred in 102 balls with 16 fours before he was bowled by left-arm Did not bat: Ali, Harmison ŵ Bowler M appearing in a world-record equalling 362nd one-day interna-2 Vaas 8 10 0 Jamie Dalrymple (30) and Vikram Solanki (44) added late impetus as England pressed on to Malinga 0 Fernando théir best score of thé series. However, the match was over-Maharoof 0 shadowed by the announcement of the death of England fast bowl-Dilshan 0 ng great Fred Trueman, a familiar figure at Headingley where he starred for Yorkshire for 20 years. 0 Bandara SCOREBOARD Jayasuriya 0 Scoreboard of England's innings in the fifth and final one-day inter-SRI LANKA: Tharanga national against Sri Lanka at Headingley on Saturday: Jayasuriya, J Sangakkara Jayawardene Dilshan Kapugedera, Vaas, Mahar Malinga, Bandara, Fernando. Maharoof, ENGLAND Ţrescothick ayasuriya 121 Toss: England. Umpires: Billy Doctrove and Mark

Benson

#### **Thierry Henry**

(France striker) "In Brazil they're born with a ball. On the beach, on the street, at school, everywhere you look, they're playing foothall "



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"It is an advantage that Jurgen and I know about Italy a bit. We will call upon that experience.

"Italy are dark horses for the title. They are tactically very good and have been effective rather than spectacular

"They take their chances and it will be difficult for us."

Italy defeated Ukraine 3-0 in their guarterfinal on Friday. However Germany will start the

match as favourites as they bid to add to three World Cup crowns. Bierhoff said it was difficult to compare the 2006 generation with the victorious teams from 1954,

1974 and 1990 as they had not won

"It is a shame that a football fest "If we win the title then we can where fans celebrate together was compare this team with other spoiled yesterday," he said. German teams," Bierhoff explained.

"The fiery temperament of the "The development of the young Argentines is well known to me. Per players -- many at their first major Mertesacker got kicked and I think tournament -- is simply fantastic. They keep getting better and better. you could see that in the newspa-"The coach told them after the pers.

Argentina game that they had "FIFA have our side of the story achieved something great but still already -- if they need it."

Pictures showed Argentine Emotions were out of control substitute Leandro Cufre kicking after the Argentina win but Bierhoff -Mertesacker in the thigh and he involved in a post match melee as recieved a red card from referee players scuffled with one another --Lubos Michel laid the blame firmly at Argentina's

#### Argentines lament FROM PAGE 24

but on Saturday called on coach Pekerman to stay in his post despite his stated intention to resign.

Newspapers showed polls suggesting most fans wanted Pekerman, who led the albiceleste to under-20 world titles in 1995, 1997 and 2001, to stay on -- or else for ageing veteran Carlos Bianchi to take on the post. Pekerman, 56 and credited with

the blooding of a raft of young stars, including Barcelona forward Lionel Messi, had been in the post only two years, replacing Marcelo Bielsa who, was in charge of Argentina at the last World Cup.

According to a poll in La Nacion daily, three in four people said no to the question "should Pekerman quit the national team?"

Just 20 percent said ves.

Pekerman.

Bianchi if Pekerman goes with former star Diego Maradona way behind on 12.3 percent.

38 percent vote ahead of 28 for Pekerman if he stays in contention.

opening day Corey Collymore supported Taylor with two for 17 from 19 overs, and Dwayne Brayo collected two for 68 from 24 overs.

Jerome Taylor chose the occasion of a

Test on home soil to capture five wickets

in a Test innings for the first time, and

helped West Indies make India rue their

decision to bat first in the fourth and final

cheering him on, Taylor snared five for 50

from 18.4 overs, as India were dismissed

for 200 in their first innings just before

stumps were drawn on an absorbing

With a modest, but vocal crowd

Test on Friday at Sabina Park.

Cricket

AFP, Kingston

India captain Rahul Dravid hit 10 fours in the top score of 81 from 215 balls in close to six hours of batting for the visitors.

He added a vital 93 for the seventh wicket with Anil Kumble, who scored 45, that brought some respectability to India's total, after they had subsided to 91 for six just before tea.

Dravid was like the captain on the deck of the sinking Titanic as West Indies bowled with discipline. if not menace, to carve up India's batting on a pitch that offered bounce and movement

It was a typically dogged innings from Dravid and he drew on all of his experience to hold firm for India as no other

were pitted against each other in what

was a match-up of the two best teams so

Laxman enjoyed a slice of fortune early in his innings when West Indies captain Brian Lara dropped him on five at second slip off Corey Collymore but the home team did not have to wait long to pouch him after the interval.

In the first over after lunch, Laxman vas caught at gully for 18 off Dwayne Bravo slicing a drive.

Yuvraj Singh came to the wicket and with Dravid managed to slow down the rampaging Windies bowlers for close to half-an-hour, but Taylor had him lbw for 19 with a delivery that struck him a painful blow on the in-step to leave India on 58 for four.

Sreesanth b Taylor Patel c Ramdin b Taylor Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-5, nb-2) 11 Total: (All out in 87.4 overs) 200

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-3, 3-34, 4-58, 5-78, 6-91, 7-184, 8-197, 9-200 Bowler ο м R w Collins 19 7 34 1 4 50 18.4 5 Taylor 24 68 3 2 Bravo 11 17 Collymore 19 2

Chanderpaul 5 0 17 0 Gayle 2 0 10 0 WEST INDIES: Gayle, Ganga, Sarwan, Lara, Chanderpaul, Bravo, Samuels, Ramdin, Collins, Taylor, Collymore

Toss: India. Umpires: R Koertzen and B Jerling.

As for the Argentines, it is back home

# THIRD EYE

spectacle and although the Germans pressed a goal was not forthcoming as Avala and Heinze stood firm.

far in the tournament. No one, I am sure But with fifteen minutes remaining would disagree that Argentina and Jose Pekerman guite possibly signed his Germany had so far played the most eyedeath warrant as he withdrew Riquelme catching football so far in the tournament. and bought on Cambiasso. A defensive But as had happened so often in the past move that would prove fatal. However in it was efficiency that won over improvisadefence of the coach it should be mention and spontaneity and the Latin tioned that his options were limited with an injury to goalkeeper Abbondanzieri. However that still did not explain how Lionel Messi or Javier Saviola inexplicably failed to appear and why Julio Cuz came in place of Crespo. Perhaps Pekerman had enough faith in his

defenders to ride off the storm. His faith was not repaid though as the Germans worked a fine move to get back on terms. Ballack crossing for Borowoski to flick on a header which Klose buried into the net. 1-1 with 80 minutes on the clock.

Both sides played for extra time and although Argentina wanted to wrap the game up in extra time it did not happen as the Germans held firm with typical resilience and organisation. Ballack playing on with sheer willpower despite

And when it went to penalties there was only ever one winner. Only one German has ever missed a penalty in a shoot-out and neither of Neuville, Ballack, Podolski or Borowski looked likely to add to the tally. As for Argentina it was ironic that Ayala, a hero in the match. and Esteban Cambiasso, another outstanding performer, had their shots saved by Lehmann; who has been catapulted into Germany's new hero.

Italy look to be hitting form at the right The Germans go through and an moment and a clash with the hosts could outstanding semifinal tie with Italy beckwell be the highlight of the tournament.

**Bierhoff shrugs off Italy** 

Clarin and Ole dailies ran a

similar poll with a similar result, finding 73 percent of fans backed

But if he is not swayed by their loyalty and steps down the fans want to see Bianchi, former coach with Boca Juniors and who recently ended an unsuccessful stint with Atletico Madrid, installed.

For Clarin, 54 percent backed

Ole found that Bianchi scored a

Americans were sent crashing out from said it all.

the last eight of a tournament they had been earmarked to win. The tears of Javier Mascherano and Maxi Rodriguez As aforementioned, it was an intense encounter; a typical quarterfinal tie. Avoidance of defeat was the primary goal as both sides felt each other out during the opening phase. Argenting controlled the match for the most passes but they

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hardly looked adventurous as the young German team stood firm, marshalled expertly by Torsten Frings and Michael Ballack. The first half though, was mostly Argentina and the German captain had a sub-par attacking performance but put in immense legwork alongside Frings. Tevez looked sprightly but Riquelme and Crespo both struggled. The playmaker saw little of the ball in advanced areas and was quickly ushered off possession by the Germans. That proved vital as the South Americans often lacked the vital

final ball. A goal, if it would come, would likely come from Argentina and that was how it materialised. Roberto Fabian Ayala of all people heading in a right wing corner early in the second-half from Juan Riquelme to leave the Germans shellshocked.

That forced the Germans on the offensive improving the game as a ons to lament yet another loss. They can count themselves unlucky but in the end they cracked in the crunch. There will be more World Cups for Messi and Tevez but spare a thought for Ayala and Crespo.

We may have seen the last of two great players of this era. For their part the Italians never looked

in trouble against a Ukraine side who really lacked quality to ever bother a side loaded with as much talent as Italy. Even without the imperious Alessandro Nesta, the Azzurri oozed class and Zambrotta lashed in a blinding 25-yard shot off his left foot that set the ball rolling. From then on there was no looking back and Luca Toni of Fiorentina, who had failed to find the net so far, got two for good measure, a header and a simple tap-in. The front man will have his confidence restored and the Italians will also be buoyed by the news that none of their players will be

suspended for the semifinal.

Francesco Totti looked in fine form as he linked play superbly and Mauro Camoranesi put in a hard-running display. The defence as usual looked solid and if they were ever caught out, the best custodian in the world was on hand to bail them out.