

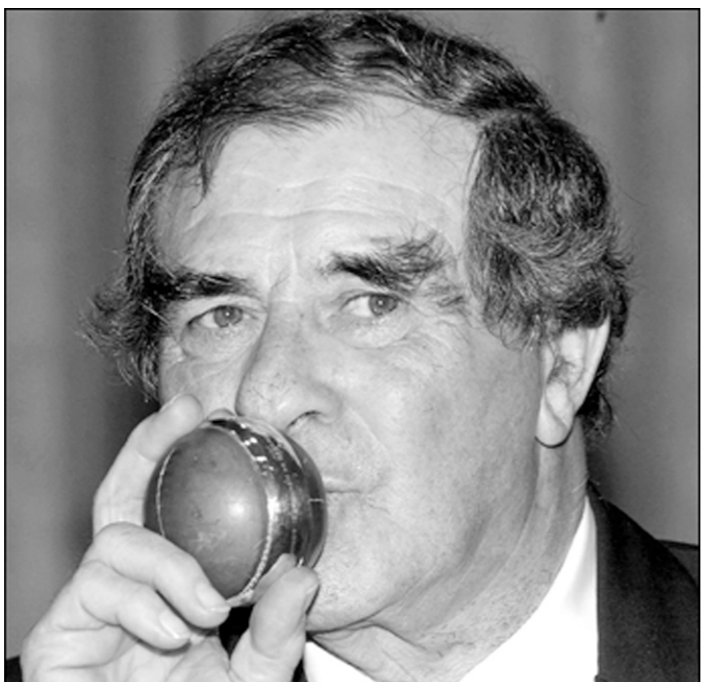
Trueman passes away

Cricket AFP, Leeds

England fast bowling great Fred Trueman has died at the age of 75, his wife announced Saturday.

"He was better than they are now, got through so much more work -- 1100 overs in a season."

"He was a great outswing bowler -- a fast bowler who also made it go away off the pitch," added Close of Trueman, whose



FRED TRUEMAN

FREDFILE table with columns: Full name, Date of birth, Birthplace, Teams, TEST MATCH BATTING RECORD, TEST MATCH BOWLING RECORD, and various statistics.

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.

"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.

"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." Hingis let a 3-0 lead in the final set slip against the 18th seeded Japanese on Friday.

Nadal finishes off Agassi

WIMBLEDON AFP, London

Andre Agassi's epic Wimbledon journey, which began in misery in 1987 and peaked with his 1992 title triumph, came to an end on Saturday when Rafael Nadal sent him crashing out on his farewell appearance.

The 36-year-old was no match 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 clash 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-4.

"I've had a lot of incredible years here," a tearful Agassi told a packed court where wife Steffi Graf was watching.

"I'll never be able to repay you for how you've embraced me and I thank you for that" "Thanks for having me."

"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."

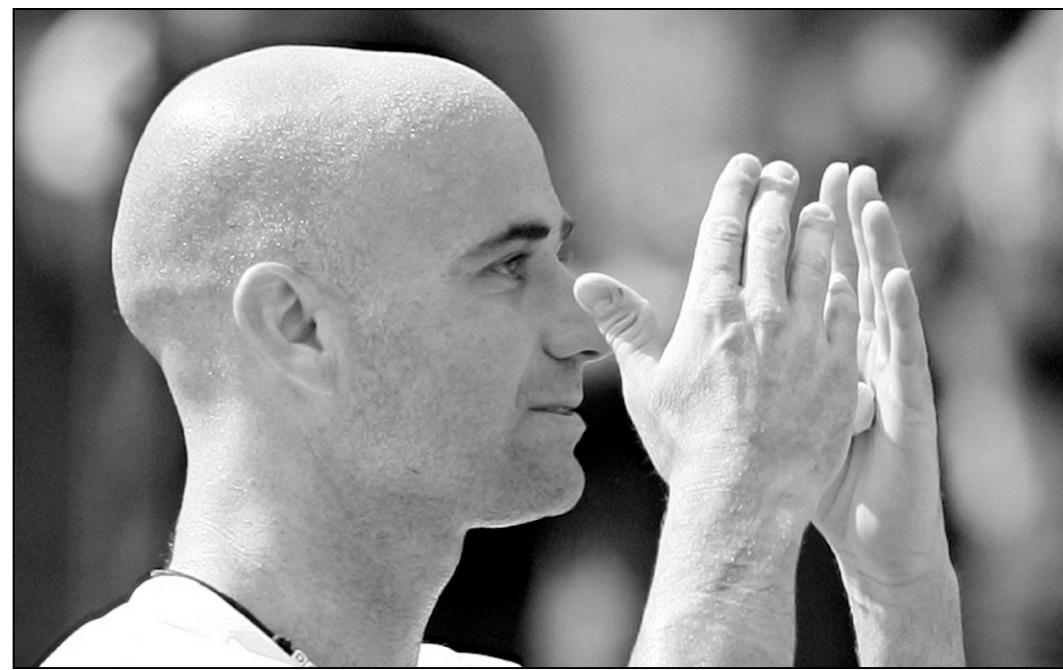
Slams, was two points from taking the breaker but Nadal wasn't to be denied clinching the set with an ace after 63 minutes.

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 up with another ace.

Agassi never carved out a break point in the entire match and, at times in the third set, he looked his age as he took a breather on a linesman's chair.

Nadal was unstoppable, breaking 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 action.

Nadal now faces Georgian qualifier Irakli Labadze for a place in the quarterfinals while Agassi heads home to prepare for his US Open swansong.



WAVING WIMBLEDON BYE: Andre Agassi waves to the Wimbledon crowd after he lost his third round game to Rafael Nadal on Saturday. Nadal brought the curtain down on Agassi's Wimbledon career.

Taylor troubles India

Cricket AFP, Kingston

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 Test on Friday at Sabina Park.

With a modest, but vocal crowd 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 opening day.

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

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

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 inside the first half-hour.

Openers Virender Sehwag and 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 the match, and Taylor had Wasim Jaffer comprehensively beaten and bowled for one by a delivery moving back in the fourth over.

Dravid came to the wicket and with Venkatesh Laxman put their heads down to defy the West Indies attack and painstakingly carried India to 29 for two at lunch.

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 pounce him after the interval.

In the first over after lunch, Laxman was 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 low for 19 with a delivery that struck him a painful blow on the in-step to leave India on 58 for four.

SCOREBOARD table with columns: INDIA: First innings, Jaffer b Taylor, Sehwag c Sarwan b Collins, Laxman c (sub) Morton b Bravo, Dravid c Ramdin b Collymore, Yuvraj lbw b Taylor, Kaif c Lara b Taylor, Dhoni c Bravo b Collymore, Kumble b Bravo, Harbhajan not out, Sreesanth b Taylor, Patel c Ramdin b Taylor, Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-5, nb-2), 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 table with columns: O, M, R, W. Collins 19 7 34 1, Taylor 18.4 4 50 5, Bravo 24 3 68 2, Collymore 19 11 17 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.



Did U Know? Brazilian Joao Havelange was elected new president of world governing body FIFA in 1974, replacing Britain's Sir Stanley Rous.



Talk Turkey graphic with a turkey illustration.



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 football."

Marcus powers England

Cricket AFP, Leeds

Marcus Trescothick's hundred was 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 by an England batsman against a leading nation since he himself made 104 not out at Headingley against Australia nearly a year ago and gave England, already 4-0 down in the five-match series, hope of avoiding a wipeout.

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 it runs hard to come by.

Chaminda Vaas managed the unusual feat in a one-day international of starting with two successive maidens, the experienced left-arm getting early swing and repeatedly beating the outside edge with England taking 16 balls 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 boundary.

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 leave England 82 for one in the 18th over.

Trescothick then took a quick single off Fernando to go to a 59-ball fifty with nine fours and later

brought up England's second fifty, in just 40 balls, by driving Fernando straight back over his head.

Now in fine form, Trescothick cover-drove off-spinner Tilakaratne Dilshan's first ball for four.

But, on 65, Sri Lanka were again adamant Trescothick had been caught behind off Dilshan. Sangakkara threw the ball up in celebration but West Indian umpire Billy Doctrove was unmoved.

At half-way England were well-placed for a big score at 137 for one.

And when leg-spinner Malinga Bandara came on, Trescothick stylishly forced him off the back-foot for four through the covers.

But a second-wicket partnership of 75 was ended when Bell, trying to steer Fernando down to third man, was caught one-handed by a diving Sangakkara to leave England 157 for two in the 28th over.

Trescothick completed his hundred in 102 balls with 16 fours before he was bowled by left-arm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya, appearing in a world-record equalling 362nd one-day international.

Jamie Dalrymple (30) and Vikram Solanki (44) added late impetus as England pressed on to their best score of the series.

However, the match was overshadowed by the announcement of the death of England fast bowling great Fred Trueman, a familiar figure at Headingley where he starred for Yorkshire for 20 years.

England Trescothick b Jayasuriya 121 Cook c Jayawardene b Maharoof 41

Bell c Sangakkara b Fernando 18

Strauss c Sangakkara b Malinga 26

Solanki not out 44

Dalrymple lbw b Malinga 30

Jones lbw b Malinga 2

Bresnan b Malinga 4

Plunkett not out 9

Extras: (lb-9, w-11, nb-2) 26

Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 321

Fall of wickets: 1-82, 2-157, 3-225, 4-233, 5-295, 6-304, 7-308

Did not bat: Ali, Harmison

Bowler table with columns: O, M, R, W. Vaas 8 2 41 0, Malinga 10 0 44 1, Fernando 8 0 61 1, Maharoof 9 0 52 1, Dilshan 3 0 29 0, Bandara 7 0 50 0, Jayasuriya 5 0 35 1

SRI LANKA: Tharanga, Jayasuriya, Jayawardene, Sangakkara, Dilshan, Kapugedera, Vaas, Maharoof, Malinga, Bandara, Fernando, Toss: England. Umpires: Billy Doctrove and Mark Benson.

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 bleeding 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 yes. Clarin and Ole dailies ran a similar poll with a similar result, finding 73 percent of fans backed Pekerman.

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

Bierhoff shrugs off Italy

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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."

1974 and 1990 as they had not won the title yet.

"If we win the title then we can compare this team with other German teams," Bierhoff explained.

"The development of the young players -- many at their first major tournament -- is simply fantastic. They keep getting better and better."

door. "It is a shame that a football fest where fans celebrate together was spoiled yesterday," he said.

"The fiery temperament of the Argentines is well known to me. Per Mertesacker got kicked and I think you could see that in the newspapers."

"FIFA have our side of the story already -- if they need it."

What to WATCH TEN Sports West Indies v India Fourth Test, Day Three Live at 9:00 pm STAR Sports Wimbledon Championships Round of 16 Live at 4:30 pm