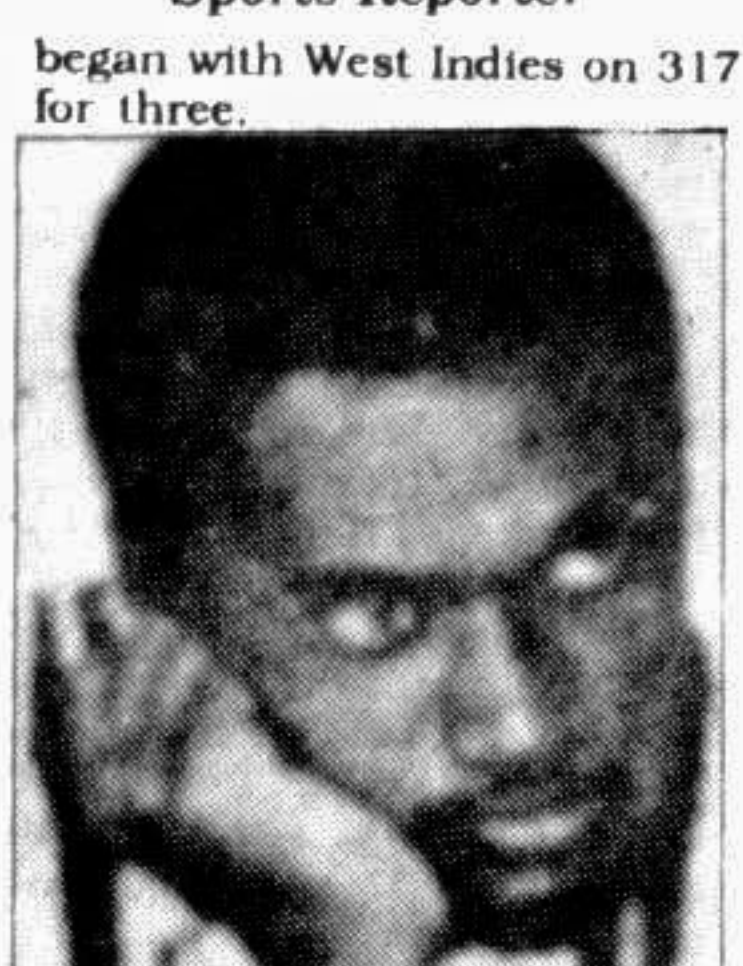


England in dire straits

Sports Reporter

England, trying desperately to recover from disastrous start, were fighting doggedly at 78 for four wickets with skipper Graham Gooch batting on 33 and his fifth wicket partner Robin Smith on eleven when last report came in. Mark Ram Prakash was out for 24.



CARL HOOPER — excels with willow.

Earlier Windies, thanks to a brilliant 111 by Carl Hooper, were all out for 419 runs.

An earlier report said, Paceman Phillip DeFreitas fired out Viv Richards and Gus Logie as England hit back quickly on Friday.

But Carl Hooper completed his first Test hundred against England as the touring team reached 350 for five at lunch after the start was delayed 75 minutes because of rain.

Hooper, 87 overnight, reached three figures from 176 balls by driving seamer Derek Pringle for his 13th four, and was unbeaten on 105 at the interval it was Hooper's third century in his 29th Test. DeFreitas made his double strike after England took the second new ball in the second over of the morning, which

(overnight 317 for three):	33
Simmons c Lamb b Hick	60
Haynes c Russell b Pringle	57
Richardson c DeFreitas b Hick	111
Hooper c Lamb b Pringle	63
Richards lbw b DeFreitas	5
Logie b DeFreitas	20
Dujon c Lamb b Pringle	25
Marshall lbw b Pringle	5
Ambrose c and b Malcolm	10
Walsh c Atherton b Pringle	1
Allen not out	29
Extras (b-3, lb-7, nb-19)	419
Total	419

Fall of wickets: 1-90, 2-102, 3-198, 4-322, 5-332, 6-366, 7-382, 9-402, 9-410.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
DeFreitas	31	6	93	2
Malcolm	19	3	76	1
Watkin	15	2	60	0
Pringle	35	6	100	5
Hick	18	4	77	2
Gooch	2	0	3	0

England first innings
Gooch not out 8
Atherton b Ambrose 5
Hick c Richardson b Ambrose 0
Lamb c Haynes b Marshall 1
Extras (nb2) 2
Total (3 wkts) 16
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-7, 3-16.



Desmond Hayes of the West Indies puts the ball past the slips off the bowling of Phillip DeFreitas in the 2nd Test match between England and the West Indies at Lords on Thursday. — AFP photo

Donald, Akkram dazzle

LONDON, June 21: South African Allan Donald showed why he is regarded as the fastest while bowler in cricket yesterday by rocketing Warwickshire into a 34-point lead at the top of the English county championship, reports AFP.

but last pair Phil Whitticase (51 not out) and Australian Maguire with 15 balls left.



WASIM AKRAM — in fine form.

The 24-year-old from Bloemfontein took five wickets for an innings for the sixth time this season as his side zipped to a 98-run win over Sussex at Coventry.

A lunch-time pact between the captains set the stage.

Paul Parker declared Sussex's first innings at 28 for one and Andy Lloyd foretold Warwickshire's second knock, leaving the visitors with 256 to win in 70 overs.

Donald, who captured five for 48 to boost his tally for the season to 42, was well supported by England reject Gladstone Small (four for 36), while wicket-keeper Keith Piper snapped up five catches as Sussex were dismissed for 157.

Another overseas paceman in form with the ball on Thursday was Pakistani Test all-rounder Wasim Akram who grabbed five for 61 to lead Lancashire to their third championship win in a row and third place in the table.

Wasim's efforts saw Leicestershire, chasing 274 for victory, slide to 119 for nine.

John Maguire added 38 before Mike Watkinson yorke

Moody, had more luck after his efforts with the bat. His 96 following on from a first innings of 107 laid the foundation for a dramatic first championship success of the season for Worcestershire.

Last pair Stuart Lampitt (50 not out) and Richard Stemp steered them home against Nottinghamshire with 11 balls to spare after West Indian p ace man Franklin Stephenson, with five for 74, had reduced Worcester to 287 for nine in their chase for 311.

Stephenson could have sealed victory for Notts, but with just three runs needed he dropped a return catch offered by Stemp.

Meanwhile, Bill Athey dug in for his third century of the season at Gloucester, but failed to prevent Derbyshire recording a six-wicket win.

The former England batsman launched a dogged rescue bid as Gloucestershire slumped to 86 for five, still needing 139 to make the visitors bat again.

He and Richard Williams added 104 for the eighth wicket before Athey went for 101, having batted three hours. Williams was left unbeaten on a career-best 55 as Gloucestershire totalled 293 to leave Derby requiring only 68 to win.

USSR for Azlan Shah meet

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21: The Malaysian Hockey Federation (MHF) has accepted the Soviet Union's participation in the Sultan Azlan Shah invitational field hockey tournament to be held in northern Perak state July 28 to August 3, reports AFP.

S. Satgunam, the MHF secretary, said the Soviets, semi-finalists in this year's European Cup competition in Paris, confirmed their participation on June 12.

Earlier India, Pakistan, South Korea, New Zealand and Malaysia were scheduled to play in the championships but the inclusion of the Soviets will force a redraw with a match in the morning and two more in the afternoon. The original fixtures had no provision for matches in the morning.

New Zealand replaced Britain, while Germany and Australia, the other two teams, were invited but had declined. Mr Satgunam said the Soviet Union is currently ranked among the top six in the world and their participation would add prestige to the championships.

Seles pulls out

WIMBLEDON, England, June 21: Top-seeded Monica Seles withdrew Friday from the Wimbledon tennis championships because of an injury, tournament officials said, reports AP.

Sue Youngman, a Wimbledon spokeswoman, said Seles was forced to pull out due to "an injury caused in a minor accident."



MONICA SELES

Seles ranked No. 1 in the world, won the Australian and French Opens this year. Her withdrawal ruins any chance of her winning the Grand Slam.

With Seles' withdrawal, Steffi Graf moves up one spot to the No. 1 seed, with Gabriela Sabatini moving from No. 3 to No. 2.

Boater banned

LISBON, June 21: FIFA on Wednesday suspended Uruguayan striker Debray Silva for twelve months and warned him that he would face a life ban if he gets into any more trouble when he eventually returns, reports AFP.

Agassi—the American attraction

WIMBLEDON, England, June 21: Everyone's going gaga over Andre Agassi, reports AP.

No matter that he's a long-shot to break up Wimbledon's annual final between Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker. So what if he hasn't ventured onto a grass court since losing in the first round here four years ago. Never mind that he's never won a Grand Slam title.

Agassi's bleached mane, dangling earring, fast cars, bludgeoning groundstrokes and rebel image are all the rage in his return to Wimbledon from self-imposed exile.

With the tournament opening Monday, there's more talk about what Agassi will wear — he's ditching his neon green duds to conform to the 'predominantly white' rules — than the state of his game, which is less than sterling on this surface.

He's hotter gossip in the tabloids than nine-time women's champion Martina Navratilova, embroiled in a lawsuit with the former lover she ran to embrace after victory last year.

Agassi's photo adorns more pages than newly coiffed Monica Seles, the women's top seed who is going for her third Grand Slam of the year after winning the Australian and French Opens.

Agassi is fueling the fever by talking about his drinking and drug use before discovering religion, his love of sports cars, his girlfriend and his newfound respect for the tradition that Wimbledon represents.

"It's no question I've learned the place that tradition holds, and this is a change for me," said the 21-year-old Agassi, who once insisted he wouldn't come here because of the ban on his colorful clothes. "Initially, I had a hard time understanding tradition and the place it plays. It's exciting to be part of it. It was a silly thing to think that Wimbledon could inconvenience me."

Seeded strictly by computer rankings, regardless of past performance on grass, Agassi is No 5 behind top-seeded, defending champion Edberg, No 2 Boris Becker, No 3 Ivan Lendl, and No 4 Jim Courier, Agassi's conqueror on clay in the French Open.

US Open champion Pete Sampras, whose werve-and-volley style is more naturally suited to grass than the baseline assaults of Lendl, Courier of Agassi, is seeded only eighth.

Instead of playing grass-court tuneup tournaments in England the past two weeks, Agassi returned to Florida to practice on grass.

"It has been tremendously easier than expected," he said. "I'm excited how I'm going to play."

out whether he can play well on grass, others are coming in with more confidence and far more experience.



ANDRE AGASSI

Edberg, usually low-key about his play, fairly bubbled with enthusiasm after winning

Booters leave for KL June 26

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh under-23 soccer team will leave for Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur on June 26 to participate in the Group D second-leg matches of pre-Olympic qualifying soccer.

The BFF in a press release yesterday announced the names of two more officials who will accompany, the team to Malaysia. Mr. Shamsurrozza Khan Majlis Iskander and Mr. Nazrul Islam are the two new names added to the team.

Meanwhile in another development, Dhaka Football Club Association in a meeting yesterday decided to send a proposal to BFF aimed to solve the problems faced by the Senior Division football league. Club Association expressed their willingness to hold the league under their supervision by forming a committee. They also said that they are willing to appoint someone from BFF as the president of the committee which will run the Senior Division, Junior Division and the Pioneer leagues. They want to appoint someone from BFF who will look after the financial aspects of the league.

Representatives from leading club like Mohammedan Sporting, Abahani, Mukjoddha and Fakirpool did not attend yesterday's crucial meeting.

Dhaka football Club Association's President Mr Sultan also was not present in the meeting.

Three share lead in Zia memorial chess

Sports Reporter

Three players, Rezaul Kabir, Syed Golam Mohtuddin and Syed Moniruzzaman were leading jointly yesterday at the top of the table with six points each after the sixth round completion of the Shaheed Zia Memorial chess tournament yesterday at the moonlight gymnasium at Dhaka cantonment, Manikdi.

Maradona prepares for a comeback

BUENOS AIRES, June 21: Disgraced Argentine captain Diego Maradona wants to make a comeback and has resumed training, gone on a diet and started psychiatric treatment for his drug problem, reports AFP.

The revelations are made in the weekly magazine Gente, which said Maradona, who lifted the 1986 World Cup, had decided to lead a simple family life and to make no public appearances for the time being.

Doctors have found that Maradona, who was arrested here less than two months ago on charges of possessing cocaine and has been suspended by the international football body FIFA until June 30, 1992, is not addicted.

The once-great midfield maestro, who tested positive for drugs last March in Italy where he captained Napoli, spends much of his time watching television, reading newspapers and magazines and answering his overflowing mailbox.

Maradona is training on private pitches belonging to

friends. Gente reported. He has also taken up table tennis and paddle, a hybrid form of squash and tennis popular in Argentina.



Three times a week he swims between seven and 10 kilometres (four-and-a-half miles) and is following a diet worked out by doctors.

Navratilova keeps winning

EASTBOURNE, England, June 21: The seemingly unstoppable Martina Navratilova continued her assault on a 10th Eastbourne grass court title with a 6-1, 6-1 win over American qualifier Heather Ludloff in the quarter-finals on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Ludloff had knocked out two seeds in earlier rounds and the scoreline on Thursday did little justice to her brave fight against Navratilova.

The top seed lost more points on her serve in the second game than she had in the whole of her match against Brenda Schultz on Wednesday.

Ludloff broke Navratilova in that game but then the defending champion adjusted her serve and dropped only two points over the next five games.

"It is coming along very well and I am very happy with everything," said Navratilova, who begins the defence of her Wimbledon title next week.

Navratilova, now within two titles of Chris Evert's all-time singles record of 157, will meet fellow American Mary Joe Fernandez, the third seed, in semifinals, later today.

Fernandez, whose match was delayed for one and a half hours while the grass dried out

after overnight rain, beat Indonesia's fast-rising Yayuk Basuki 6-2, 6-1.

The 34-year-old Navratilova, said there was little left to work on in her game. "I have been so well coached now that I can correct myself and that's a coach's dream," she said.

"Billie Jean (King) is helping me more with my head and just keeping me focused."

Report on NSC irregularities submitted

Justice Abdul Wadud Chowdhury, chairman of the inquiry committee of the National Sports Council, handed over the committee's report to the State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka on Thursday at the Secretariat, an official handout said. The other members of the committee were present, reports BSS.

The government formed a five-member inquiry committee early this year with Justice Abdul Wadud Chowdhury as chairman to probe into the irregularities and corruption for the National Sports Council. The other members of the committee were: Abdul Aziz, Delwar Hossain, Nurul Islam and Abdur Razzak Howladar.

In one sense, the 54-minute defeat was a relief for Ludloff who had to race off for an afternoon qualifying match for the Wimbledon doubles and had been under threat of being defaulted if she arrived late.

Fernandez, like Navratilova, served superbly, losing only one point on serve in the second set against Basuki. The 20-year-old Basuki, who will be the first Indonesian to play the Wimbledon singles, had already beaten Frenchwoman Julie Halard and German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch but nerves got the better of her against Fernandez.

In the lower half of the draw, the unseeded American Gigg Fernandez — no relation to Mary Joe — beat her doubles partner and fourth seed Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia in a close match to reach the last four.

The pair will be the top seeds in the Wimbledon doubles after their victory at the French Open earlier this month.

Ivanisevic in semifinals

MANCHESTER, England, June 21: Temperamental Yugoslav Goran Ivanisevic came within a tantrum of being thrown out of the Manchester Open here yesterday as he stormed into the semi-finals, reports AFP.

The volatile 19-year-old second seed lost his rag in his quarter-final against German qualifier Arne Thoms. He was given two code violation warnings by umpire Steve Ullrich — the first for lobbing his rackets from the baseline to the umpire's chair, and the second for an audible obscenity, which cost him a point.

A third indiscretion would have meant him being ejected from the championships, but he tamed his temper to run out a 7-5, 6-3 winner. He admitted afterwards: "I was swearing in English and it was a mistake, but I thought if I use my own language no-one will understand me."

"I was so upset because I don't put pressure on his second serve when I had break points."

'Money is obscene'

LONDON, June 21: Boris Becker has added his voice to the chorus of criticism against the huge amounts of money in tennis, reports AP.

"It's obscene," he said. "Tennis is going in the wrong direction and one day it is going to fall apart completely. The money is now so great that it has to stop and I would not be disappointed if it did."

Last week, Philippe Chatrier, the outgoing president of the International Tennis Federation, warned that money was a "cancer" killing the sport.

Becker, 23, has made more than 8 million dollars in prize money in his career and his total worth is reported to be near 50 million dollars.

Roma pays £3 m for Hassler

ROME, June 21: German midfield maestro Thomas Hassler has signed a three million pound plus contract with AS Roma, while giants Inter Milan have turned to an internationally unknown coach, reports AFP.

Juventus let Hassler go despite a successful season with the Turin club who have taken Roma's 20-year-old goalkeeper Roberto Peruzzi as part of the deal.

Peruzzi was banned for a year after being found guilty of taking drugs. The ban is to be lifted on October 12.

Corrado Orrico steps up from the second division to take over from Giovanni Trapattoni as coach of UEFA Cup winners Inter Milan.

The 40-year-old tactician, who narrowly failed to lead Lucchese into the first division last season, said: "I know it will be very difficult. But I am sure I have no particular fears and I know I can succeed."

Chavez nosedives

LAS VEGAS, June 21: World Boxing Council (WBC) super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez suffered a cut nose yesterday, forcing the cancellation of his title fight against Harold Brazier next week, promoter Don King said, reports Reuter.

Chavez said he was cut on the bridge of his nose in a sparring session and will not be able to fight for six weeks.

"I really don't remember how it happened," Chavez said through an interpreter at a news conference. "I was slipping a punch and then I was hit by an elbow... once I recover I will gladly give Harold another fight."

Las Vegas doctor Elias Ghanem said the inch-long (two-cm) cut required stitches.

The Chavez-Brazier bout was to have been on the undercard of the Mike Tyson-Donovan "Razor" Ruddock heavyweight fight on June 28.