

Bangladesh beat Philippines 3-0

Sports Reporter Bangladesh beat the Philippines 3-0 in the second leg encounter of the Asian Group D pre-Olympic qualifying football tournament in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur last night.



NAQUIB — again on target

three second-leg outings. They lost their first match of the Malaysian leg by four goals to Thailand and a solitary goal to the favourites South Korea.

Bangladesh had put eight goals past the Filipinos with Naquib scoring five of them in the first leg clash of the two teams in Seoul last May.

Uttam, the diminutive Brothers Union midfielder, put Bangladesh ahead in the 16th minute.

Bangladesh scored twice more through the 17-year-old Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting striker Naquib in the 50th and 82nd minutes.

Bangladesh play hosts Malaysia in their last game on Sunday.

East Bengal win

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East Bengal scored a narrow 1-0 victory over Eastern Railway in the Calcutta Super Division football league match yesterday, according to AIR monitored in Dhaka, last night.

Kuljit Singh scored the all-important goal for East Bengal. This was East Bengal's sixth victory in a row while Eastern Railway have five points from the same number of matches.

Calcutta Mohammedans, bolstered by the inclusion of three Bangladeshi players, namely Kaiser Hamid, Johnny and Rehan, will take on reigning Calcutta league champions Mohun Bagan in today's crucial encounter at 4:30 pm (BST) at the Salt Lake Stadium.

Mohun Bagan have collected 15 points from five matches while Calcutta Mohammedans have earned 10 points from four matches.

Two Nigerian players — Chibuzor and Christopher — will be playing for Mohun Bagan while another Nigerian Chima Okerie will be playing for Bagan.

All India Radio will broadcast live commentary.

Dean Jones will play for Durham

DURHAM, England, July 5:

Top Australian batsman Dean Jones has agreed to play for Durham next summer in their opening season as a first-class English county, reports AFP.

The signing of the 30-year-old Victoria star was confirmed here yesterday by former England opening batsman Geoff Cook, who is now director of cricket at Durham.

The transaction has all been done very quickly, said Cook. We only contacted Dean some three weeks ago and we expect him to sign next week.

"It will be a very exciting signing for us, as Dean is not only top class, he's a world-class batsman."

"We'll be looking to him to settle out early batting and play some long innings as well as being a great asset our one-day programmes."

Jones, who has scored 3,045 runs in 44 Tests at an average of 47.57, was linked with Yorkshire until they voted to continue with their policy of not recruiting overseas players.

Lambourne climbs up the ladder

HASTINGS, England, July 5:

Australia's Robyn Lambourne has returned to the top three in the latest world women's squash rankings, reports AFP.

She swaps places with England's Martine Le Moignan, but is still well behind Britain's champion Lisa Opie and world number one Susan Devoy.

Leading rankings: 1. Susan Devoy (New Zealand) 1,128 points, 2. Lisa Opie (GB) 941, 3. Robyn Lambourne (Australia) 739, 4. Martine Le Moignan (GB) 678, 5. Danielle Drady (Australia) 640, 6. Liz Irving (Australia) 571, 7. Michelle Martin (Australia), 491, 8. Suzanne Horner (GB) 436, 9. Sarah Fitzgerald (Australia) 431, 10. Susan Wright (GB) 396.

A tense battle at Trent Bridge

West Indies were 262 for five in reply to England's first innings total of three hundred all out at the close of play on the second day of the third cricket Test at Trent Bridge, Nottingham yesterday, according to BBC commentary monitored in Dhaka late last night.

Gus Logie was batting on 72 and Jeff Dujon on 36. West Indies lost both their openers, Desmond Haynes and Phillip Simmons for 18 and 12 runs respectively with the score on 32 just before lunch.

Carl Hooper made 11 before being third man out at 45. Richie Richardson was bowled by David Lawrence, playing on, for 43 to make it 118 for 4.

Then skipper Vivian Richards and Gus Logie featured in a rollicking stand of 121 in even time before Viv Richards was bowled off his pads by off-spinner Richard Illingworth who had earlier clean bowled Phillip Simmons with his very first ball in Test cricket.

Richards made 80 with the help of eight fours and two sixes. Earlier England, resuming at their overnight score of 269 for eight, added another 31 runs to take the total to a respectable three hundred.

Robin Smith remained unbeaten on 64. An earlier report said

After reaching 108 without loss, England squandered a chance to build a match-winning total, losing eight wickets for 120 runs on an easy-paced pitch to end first day at 269 for eight. Struggling newcomer Graeme Hick, whose previous highest score in the first two Tests was six, held the innings together for a while with a promising knock of 43 before becoming Ambrose's fourth victims.

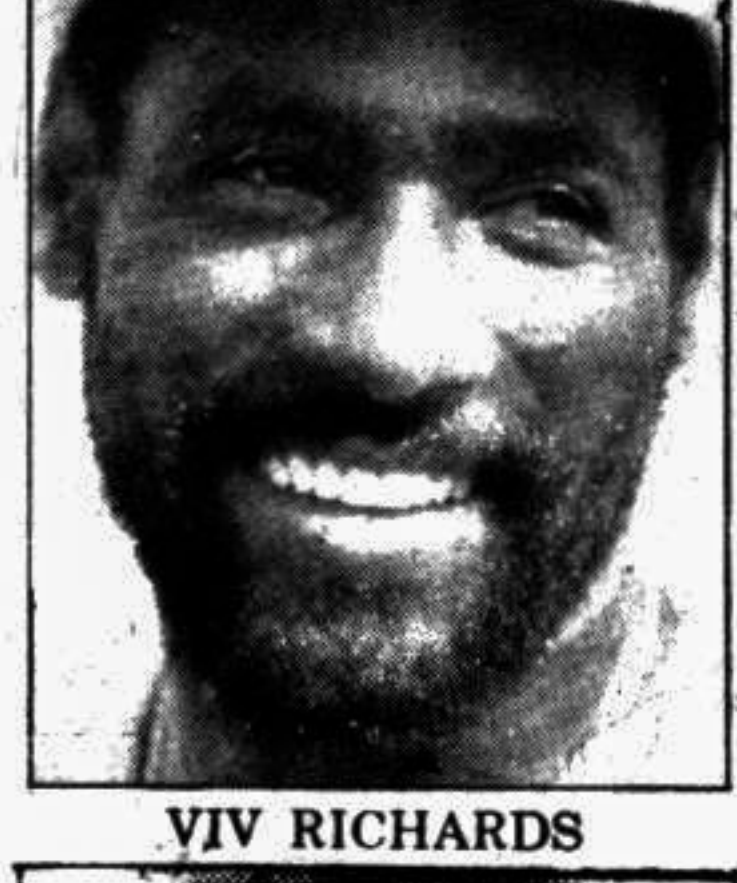
The 25-year-old Zimbabwe-born batsman stepped into the breach after Ambrose had Atherton lbw for 32 and Malcolm Marshall dismissed Gooch for 68 in the same way. As the middle order and tail fell away, Robin Smith kept England afloat with an unbeaten 40.

Gooch, whose unbeaten 154 in the first Test earned England a 1-0 lead in the series, combined with Atherton to post their sixth century stand in 13 Tests as they dominated the bowling. But the pair's dismissal in the first two overs after lunch lifted West Indies' confidence and heralded the start of an England collapse.

Ambrose picked up the wickets of Allan Lamb and mark Ramprakash, both for 13, as Hick tried to steady the innings. He added 48 with Ramprakash for the fourth wicket, but just as they looked to be turning England's fortunes around again, both were



VIV RICHARDS



CURTLY AMBROSE

out in the space of six runs. When Hick, who was struck on the helmet by Ambrose on 14, was out caught behind by Jeffrey Dujon, the England innings capitulated, with only Smith offering any resistance. Smith, who scored an unbeaten 148 in the drawn session after lunch broke England's back, finished the day with four for 69.

Ian Allen, who made his debut in the second Test in place of the injured Patrick Patterson, grabbed the wickets of Jack Russel for three and Derek Pringle for a duck to take two for 69.

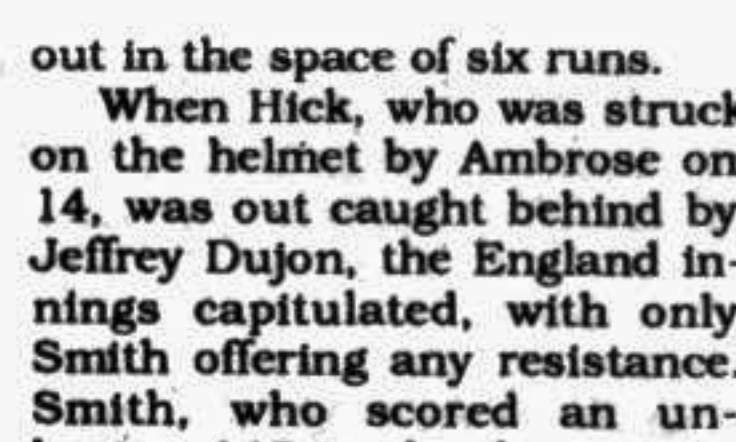
Courtney Walsh chipped in with the wicket of Phil DeFreitas for eight, while Marshall, who went off with cramp after tea, failed to add to his prize scalp of Gooch.

Later, even the West Indies admitted England had thrown away a golden opportunity. Manager Lance Gibbs said: "At lunch, we looked way out of the game and England were on course for 400 or even 500."

But he paid credit to Ambrose. "Curly has been our best bowler so far this summer — he's really earning his keep."

SCOREBOARD Tea time scorecard on the second day of the third Test: England first innings: 300 (GA Gooch 68, RA Smith 64 not out, CEL Ambrose 5-74).

West Indies first innings: Simmons b Illingworth 12 Haynes c Smith b Lawrence 18 Richardson b Lawrence 43 Hooper c Russell b DeFreitas 11 Richards not out 23 Logie not out 20 Extras 18 Total (4 wks) 145 Fall of wickets: 1-32; 2-32; 3-45; 4-118.



ROBIN SMITH



ond Test, lost four partners after coming in at 186 for four, but found able support in Test debutante Richard Illingworth. The left-arm spinner, who was 12th man in the first two Tests, was 13 not out and shared in an unbroken ninth wicket stand of 41 with Smith. Ambrose, whose spell in the

Fairbrother again hits ton

LONDON, July 5: Lancashire batsman Neil Fairbrother, rejected by England for the Tests against West Indies despite a one-day hundred against them, hit his second century in three days on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Fairbrother's third successive hundred and second in their county championship match against Somerset was not enough to save Lancashire from defeat.

His unbeaten 102 took the third-placed side to 235 for seven declared but Somerset made their target of 294 with four wickets to spare.

Championship leaders Warwickshire stretched their lead with a 93-run victory over defending champions Middlesex thanks to three more wickets from Tim Munton, who finished with his best match figures of 11 for 127.

The country's leading wicket-taker, South African Allan Donald, picked up three more victims including the last wicket with just 22 balls remaining to bowl Middlesex out for 174.

Matthew Maynard scored a career-best 204 but still ended up on the losing side as Nottinghamshire beat Glamorgan by eight wickets.

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WIMBLEDON, England, July 5: Less than 24 hours after knocking nine-time champion Martina Navratilova out of Wimbledon, Jennifer Capriati couldn't make it one stage further into the final, reports AP.

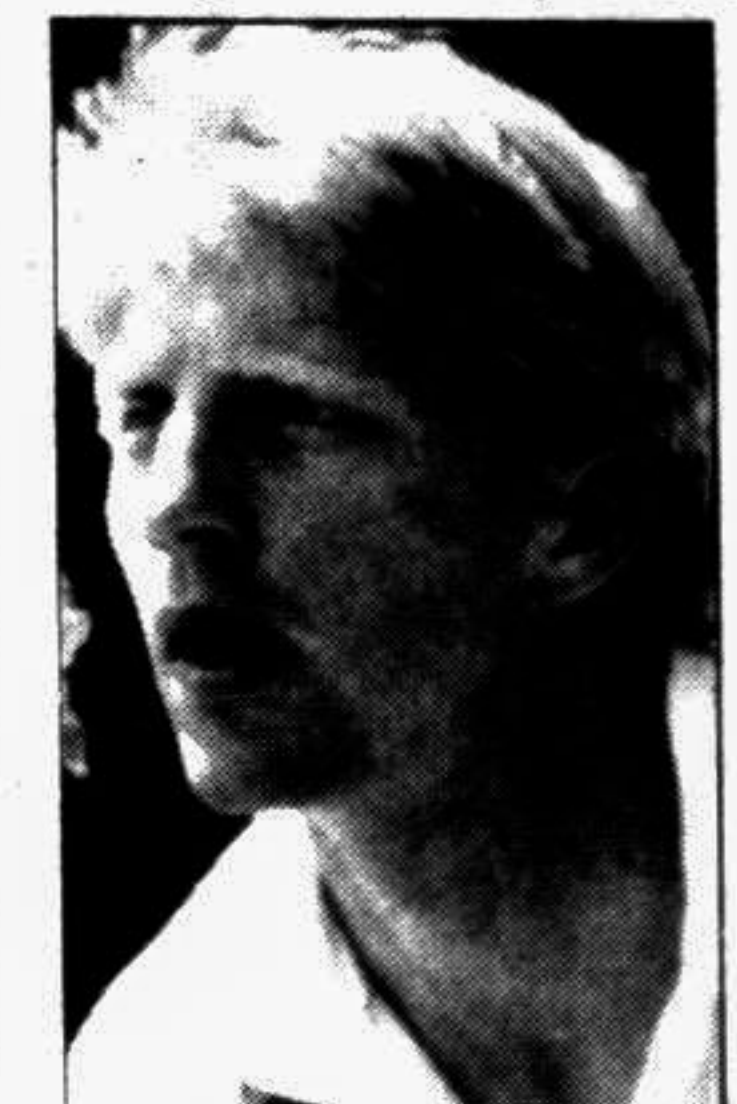
Capriati lost 6-4, 6-4 to No. 2 seed and US Open champion Gabriela Sabatini in a semifinal Thursday that only flared to life in the closing stages.

The youngest ever Wimbledon semifinalist, the 15-year-old Capriati, made it a battle after trailing 4-1 to Sabatini in the second set.

After reeling off four straight games, Sabatini was pinned back by Capriati's pounding shots. The Argentine had three chances for a 5-1 lead but Capriati saved them

Becker leads 2-0 against Wheaton

Sports Reporter Boris Becker was leading by two sets to nil against American David Wheaton in the second men's singles semi-final at Wimbledon till writing of this report late



BORIS BECKER

last night, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka yesterday. Becker won his first set 6-4 and then went on to wrap up the second set 75 at the time of going to press.

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Stich in final at Edberg's cost

LONDON, July 5: Defending champion Stefan Edberg played some of his finest tennis and didn't drop his serve once — but he ended up being beaten by German underdog Michael Stich in Friday's first semi-final at Wimbledon, reports AFP.

Stich whose best previous performance in a grand slam tournament was to reach the semi-final at the French Open last month, won 4-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/2) victory in just over three hours on a sun-drenched Centre Court.

The sixth seed will now face either compatriot and three-times champion Boris Becker or David Wheaton of the United States in Sunday's final.

The 25-year-old world number-one played near-flawless tennis for the best part of two sets-breaking the 6ft 4in Stich early in the first for a 3-2 lead and dominating the second by conceding only three points on his serve before it

But, just when it mattered most, the popular Swede who

was chasing his third title inexplicably served up two double faults.

It was heartbreaking for Edberg, who has played Becker in the last three Wimbledon finals. But he stuck determinedly



Michael Stich, the less known German so long in the shadow of his more famous compatriot Boris Becker, shocked the pundits by reaching the men's singles final at the cost of defending Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden in London yesterday.

to his natural attacking game, holding serve with some magnificent heavy slice volleys after going 0-40 down in the eleventh game.

As the match moved into its second tie-break Edberg, trailing 5-6 in the decider,

went into a tie-break. looked to have the chance to level when Stich hoisted a harmless-looking lob.

Edberg rose eagerly only to completely miss what should have been the easiest of smashes.

Three errors had put the Swede two sets to one down and Stich, if anything, was improving.

When the fourth set also went into a tie-break Stich had an enormous slice of luck when net cord enabled him to charge 5-1 clear.

Edberg tried desperately to stem the tide but it was too late.

Stich has always shown a lot of promise on grass. In his first grass court tournament at Queen's in 1989 he reached the quarter-finals.

He came into Wimbledon last year ranked 80th and reached the third round.

He has won more matches than any other player this year with a record of 46 wins against 16 defeats. Ranked 42 at the end of 1990 Stich has moved up to number seven in the world.

'Stars and stripes' win

LONDON, July 5: The Americans celebrated independence day on centre court at Wimbledon on Thursday — and the man with the stars and stripes headband won, reports Reuter.

In the only all-American clash of the day, David Wheaton put paid to the all-white exploits of Andre Agassi in the quarter-finals. Both earned a standing ovation.

Ripping through the first set, Wheaton was strangely low-key in the next two before winning a fourth-set tie break and then demolishing his opponent in the fifth.

Afterwards the home truths flowed from the man described earlier by compatriot Jim Courier as "kind of your all-American guy. A good-looking guy and real straightforward."

"I come from a very strong family," Wheaton said. "Just because I am good at tennis doesn't mean I have any particular status in my family. I am still the youngest boy and that's that. I still have to behave like a Wheaton."

Agassi, probably the only man to hit the headlines by wearing all-white clothes at Wimbledon, will no doubt soon be back to behaving like the colourful Agassi of old.

Courier, meanwhile, will be playing golf. The French Open champion lost his quarter-final in straight sets to sixth-seeded German Michael Stich.

That result ensured that Wheaton, the only natural grass-court player of the new breed of young Americans appearing at Wimbledon, was left to carry, or wear, the flag.

The others were still being discussed, however. Courier felt the special date was right for a brief rundown of the American "gang of five" as he saw them.

"The thing that's really nice about our group is that we are all five very different individuals," he said.

Take ninth-seeded Michael Chang, French Open champion in 1989, and the first of the group to be eliminated here.

"If you're a religious person you can look at Michael and say "God, he's my idol," he said. "If you like the show-business side of it, you can say "Andre, a great player."

Or Pete Sampras, the U S Open champion, knocked out of Wimbledon in the second round by Derrick Rostagno?

"He's just real mellow and low-key, goes about his business kind of loosey-goosey. That's his way."

"It's really kind of the whole spectrum," he said.

And what of Jim Courier, the "dude from dada city" who always wears a peaked baseball cap on court and has a backhand swing that would not look a miss on a baseball park?

"I'm your blue-collar kind of guy," he said.

"They'd love me in Pittsburgh, I'm sure. That's kind of the blue-collar town, isn't it?"

Skah to run 10,000m at Bislett

OSLO, July 5: Morocco's Khalid Skah, the 1990 world cross country champion, will attempt the world 10,000 metres record at Saturday's Bislett Games, reports Reuter.

Skah, who trains in Norway during the European summer, runs in a star-studded field which includes Mexico's world record holder Arturo Barrios, Morocco's Olympic champion Boutayeb Brahimi and Italy's European champion Salvatore Antibo.

Barrios set his mark of 27 minutes 8.23 seconds in Berlin two years ago.

No men's sprint events will be staged after meeting director Svein Arne Hansen decided he did not want to pay the price demanded by the Santa Monica Track Club. As a consequence neither Olympic 100 metres champion Carl Lewis nor the new world record

holder Leroy Burrell will be present.

"This year we have decided to spend our money on the long distances, the 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres," Hansen said this week. I think the public will appreciate this investment.

"We filled this stadium with Lewis two years ago. I don't think we would have done so now. Lewis has lost some of his investment."

Merchant moves up KARACHI, July 5: The former champion Yasin Merchant of India breezed into the finals of the 8th Red and White Asian snooker championship with a convincing 6-3 win over favourite Lom Propurt of Thailand here Wednesday, reports AFP.

Yasin Merchant who won the Asian title two years ago at New Delhi put up a superb show to output Lum 82-7, 99-29, 76-63, 116-0, 16-76, 68-22, 34-64, 37-67 and 62-7.

Malaysia dominate

KUALA LUMPUR, July 5: Malaysia booked two of the last four berths in the men's singles of the 165,000 U S dollar Malaysian Open badminton championship here Thursday, reports AFP.

Defending champion Rashid Sidek and compatriot Foo Kok Keong out-classed their opponents to set the stage for semi-final clashes Friday against China's Wu Wank Kai and Indonesia's All-England champion Ardy Wiranata.

Sabatini would be the first Argentine of either sex to capture a Wimbledon singles title and, having won her semifinal against Jennifer Capriati on Thursday, statistics suggest she can complete the job against Graf.

The 21-year-old Sabatini, who won her first grand slam title at last year's US Open, has beaten the German in each of their last five meetings, four of them this year.

Graf was also the player on

the receiving end at Flushing Meadow and, even on her favourite grass, may find it hard to reverse that 6-2, 7-6 verdict.

Despite her top seeding, caused by the absence of world number one Monica Seles, Graf is still not the invincible player who won Wimbledon titles in 1988 and 1989.

Last year was a nightmare, dominated by health problems and worries about her father's affair with a topless model, and she has still to regain her old confidence and consistency on court.

Sabatini, in comparison, has blossomed under the tutelage of Brazilian coach Carlos Kirmayr, engaged a week before Wimbledon last year.

She promptly reached the semifinals and, with an extra year's hard work, has gone one

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Jansher joins Muslim League

LAHORE, Pakistan, July 5: World squash champion Jansher Khan has joined the Pakistan Muslim League (PML), the main component of the ruling coalition, the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported today, reports AFP.

The 22-year-old Khan joined the party after a meeting Thursday with Ghulam Haider Wane, the Chief Minister of Punjab province and regional Secretary General of the PML, APP said.

Khan could not be immediately contacted for comments. Wane told the squash champion that politics was a thorny game, although the dividends were as good as in squash to win world acclaim APP said.

Khan assured the Chief Minister that he would work for the party and serve the people to the best of his ability, it said.

SA stars' plea to lift ban

JOHANNESBURG, June 5: A group of top South African athletes appealed to International

Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) chief Primo Nebiolo on Wednesday to scrap the sports boycott in time for them to compete in next month's World Championships, reports Reuter.

The 22 athletes made their plea at a meeting with an IAAF delegation visiting South Africa to report on political change and the push for non-racial unity among sports bodies.

"We request the IAAF to recognise that all apartheid legislation has been scrapped and to lift the suspension of the South African Amateur Athletics Union (SAAAU)," the athletes said in an open letter to Nebiolo, who is not in the delegation.

A decision on the readmission of South Africa to international athletics is expected at the next meeting of the IAAF in Tokyo a few days before the start of the World Championships.

"We consider the World Championships as the top sporting event of all and any delay in South Africa's return to the IAAF will be most unfair," the letter said.

Those signing the letter included South African 10,000 metres champion Matthews Motshwarate, half-marathon champion Lawrence Peu and the fastest South African Miller, Johan Fourie.

Lamine Diack, head of the IAAF delegation, said on Tuesday he believed obstacles to South Africa's return could be cleared before the team left later today. IAAF executives meet in Rome on Saturday to consider the delegation's report.

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brella sports bodies, the Council on Sport (SACOS), opposes any lifting of sport sanctions before the country has a new constitution and all South Africans have the vote.

SACOS president Joe Ebrahim said on Wednesday the group would boycott talks in Lausanne next Tuesday between the country's Interim National Olympic Committee (INOCSA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The IOC is thought likely to announce South Africa's return to international sport at that meeting but some observers believe there will be a built-in delay preventing them taking part in the World Championships.

This would leave the way open for the Barcelona Olympics next year to be the showcase venue for South Africa's return.

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