

Rain the spoiler at Lord's

Pakistan were five without loss in their second innings when rain stopped play on the third and final day of their game against English county side Middlesex at Lord's yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night.

Earlier, Middlesex had declared their first innings at the overnight score of 222 for eight in reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 327 for four declared.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan team manager Intekhab Alam confirmed last night that speedster Waqar Younis will play in the first Test against England starting at Edgbaston on June 4.

An earlier Reuters report said: Pakistan pacesman Waqar Younis signalled his readiness to make a dramatic Test comeback this week by dismissing one of England's batsmen at Lord's on Sunday.

Waqar showed he is ready to play at Edgbaston on Thursday, four months after being ruled out of the World Cup with a stress fracture in the lower back.

The world's fastest bowler was not holding much back when he flashed on through Mark Ramprakash's defence to have the England batsman leg before for 17.

Overall, Waqar took one for 27 from 11 overs, but his second spell was one for nine from five as Middlesex strug-

gled to 222 for eight in reply to Pakistan's 327 for four declared on the second day of the three-day match.

Intekhab Alam, the Pakistan team manager, explained: "We wanted to see if Waqar could cope with some hard bowling in this match, and hopefully it looks like he has come through ok, although we will have to see what reaction he has tonight."

"We really want him to play at Edgbaston because the Test pitch is a new one, with apparently some pace and bounce."

Whether Wasim Akram, Pakistan's other injured fast bowler, will also be available still looks doubtful.

The plaster has come off Akram's stress-fractured right shin, but the all-rounder will have had only three weeks' recovery time by Thursday.

When Pakistan resumed their first innings, Asif Mujtaba (123) and Salim Malik (68) took their third wicket stand to 125, Mujtaba hitting a six and 15 fours in an innings that should seal his place in the first Test.

Mushtaq Ahmed claimed four for 73 with his teasing leg-spin and Middlesex needed a brave unbeaten 111 from opener Mike Roseberry to survive the day.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day cricket match between Middlesex and Pakistan at Lord's on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Rameez Raja retired hurt	37
Shoaib Mohammad	43
Ramprakash b Taylor	123
Asif Mujtaba lbw b Weckes	68
Javed Miandad c Roseberry b Carr	14
Salim Malik c Carr b Fraser	21
Zahid Fazal not out	2
Moin Khan not out	2
Extras (lb-7 nb-12)	19
Total (four wickets declared)	327

Fall of wickets: 1-125; 2-167; 3-292; 4-317.

Did not bat: Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaqib Javed, Ataur Rahman.

Bowling:

Taylor	8	0	37	1
Headley	23	5	105	0
Fraser	23	7	39	1
Sylvester	15	4	45	0
Carr	6	3	15	1
Weckes	29	8	79	1
Roseberry	1	1	0	0

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

J. Carr lbw b Aaqib	21
M. Roseberry not out	111
K. Brown lbw b Aaqib	2
M. Ramprakash lbw b Waqar	17
M. Gatting lbw b Mushtaq	20
P. Weckes c Moin b Mushtaq	1
R. Sims run out	3
D. Headley b Mushtaq	0
A. Fraser c Miandad b Mushtaq	27
C. Taylor not out	11
Extras (b-2 nb-7)	9
Total (for eight wickets)	222

Fall of wickets: 1-62; 2-66; 3-110; 4-159; 5-164; 6-171; 7-178; 8-208.

To bat: S. Sylvester (incomplete)

Lloyd Webber composes anthem for Olympics

LONDON, June 1: Millionaire British composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has composed the official anthem for the Barcelona Olympic Games to be sung at the opening ceremony by his ex-wife Sarah Brightman and Spanish tenor Jose Carreras, reports Reuter.

Lloyd Webber, whose hit musicals include "Evita", "Cats" and "The Phantom of the Opera", said on Sunday the anthem for the July 25-August 9 Olympics was called "Friends for life" (Amigos para siempre). He said the song reflected "The spirit of international friendship and excitement that the Olympic Games uniquely provide."

"I am delighted that Jose Carreras is signing with Sarah Brightman," he said in a statement. "The combination of their voices is perfect for an event of this magnitude."

Brightman has taken lead roles in Lloyd Webber musicals both during and after her six-year marriage to the composer.

Volleyball result

CALGARY, Canada, June 1: The Netherlands won the second of two matches played here over the weekend against Canada on Sunday, beating the home side 3-1 in the World League tie, reports AFP.

On Saturday, the visitors won 3-2.

Kijimuta gives Seles a scare

PARIS, June 1: Defending women's singles champion Monica Seles of Yugoslavia was given a severe fright by unseeded Japanese Akiko Kijimuta of Japan at the French Open on Sunday, coming back from 4-1 down in the third set to snatch victory, reports Reuter.

The Yugoslav, plainly irritated with the proceedings, finally pulled herself together and got back into the driving seat at last as she took the



MONICA SELES

severe fright by unseeded Japanese Akiko Kijimuta of Japan at the French Open on Sunday, coming back from 4-1 down in the third set to snatch victory, reports Reuter.

The 18-year-old Seles, unbeaten in Grand Slam competition since the US Open in 1990, struggled against her now wayward from as well here gritty opponent, ranked only 150th in the world, before finally triumphing 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Seles, seeking to become the first woman in more than half a century to win three consecutive French titles, has started well enough in her bid to reach the quarter-finals.

But her game went to pieces in the second set before rain arrived to spare her embarrassment at her own depressing play.

However, things seemed to get worse when play finally resumed two hours 40 minutes later and Kijimuta stormed to a 4-1 lead, breaking Seles' wobbly serve three times in a row.

next five games to clinch victory.

Rain, which began falling again before the end of her match, halted play for the rest of the day on all courts.

"I wasn't in the match," Seles said. "She played a great match, she was hitting great

forehands and not making any unforced errors. She hit some shots I didn't expect her to hit."

"I had my chances to get back but I wasn't prepared for such a tough match. She had nothing to lose against me. I knew she wasn't going to choke so I just had to attack."

The defending champion, refusing as always to make political statements on the situation in Yugoslavia, declined to say whether she had been upset by the imposition of United Nations sanctions on her native country, including the severing of international sporting links.

"I'm here to play tennis and I don't want to talk about anything else except that," was her only comment.

Kijimuta, who like Seles plays double-fisted shots on both forehand and backhand, was finally let down when she double-faulted to give the Yugoslav match point.

Seles looked intensely relieved as she closed a tense match after one hour 37 minutes with a forehand cross-court drive which wrong-footed her Japanese opponent.

"At 4-1 up I thought I could beat her but then I got nervous," Kijimuta said. "But I

played my best tennis and I'm very proud of myself."

She said she had twice asked the umpire to stop the match because of rain but was refused. Play had been halted on all the other courts by then.

Seles was the first of the top four women's seeds to drop a set in the Tournament and all her main rivals for the title won comfortably before the rain.

Twice champion Steffi Graf of Germany defeated her bete noire Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia 6-1, 6-4 to move into a quarter-final encounter with Natalia Zvereva of the CIS, the player she hammered 6-0, 6-0 in the 1988 final.

Novotna had beaten Graf in three of their last five meetings, including an upset in last year's Australian Open, but she found the going hard against the German's determination.

The 1989 champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain also had little difficulty in beating 14th seed Kimiko Date of Japan 6-1, 6-2.

Rain interrupted three other fourth round matches, leaving Seles, Sabatini and Sanchez Vicario to wait till Monday to know their quarter-final opponents.

Arbitrators to decide Krabbe's fate

TORONTO, June 1: German sprinter Katrin Krabbe's four-year suspension for manipulating a drug test will be sent to arbitration for a final ruling, International Amateur Athletic Federation president Primo Nebiolo said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The arbitration panel will be convened "as soon as possible" and was expected to render its binding decision prior to the German Olympic selection deadline of June 30.

If the panel upholds the suspension, Krabbe would not be permitted to compete at the Summer Olympics.

"The decision of the arbitration panel will be final," said Nebiolo, adding the IAAF, the world governing body for track and field, has the ultimate authority in doping cases.

"It is our strong feeling that no court in the world can change our decision," Nebiolo said at a press conference at the end of a three-day Council meeting.

"All our athletes everywhere they live must respect our rules. We [the IAAF] will never

accept a decision of any court in the world against our rules," Krabbe, the 22-year-old world 100 and 200-metre world champion, was banned for four years by the German Athletics Federation (DLV in February).

Krabbe and compatriots GRIT Breuer and Silke Moeller were suspended after they were found to have manipulated random doping tests conducted at a training camp in South Africa. It was alleged the urine samples from the three athletes came from the same individual. While the urinalysis found no traces of banned drugs, any attempt to manipulate a doping test is subject the same penalty as a failed test.

Breuer, 20, was the 400-metre silver medalist at the 1991 World championship while Moeller, 27, is a former 100-metre world champion.

The German federation lifted its ban on the three women in April, clearing the way for them to compete nationally. The IAAF maintained the international body was not bound by the DLV decision. The arbitration panel will

consist of three people, selected at random from a pool of six.

The IAAF Council also rejected requests by the Athletics Congress for the early reinstatement of Americans Butch Reynolds, the 400-metre world record holder, and shotputter Randy Barnes.

Barnes and Reynolds were suspended for two years in August, 1990, for testing positive for a banned anabolic steroid.

FLOYD'S BAN UPHELD

US runner Delisa Floyd's request for reinstatement was also denied by the Council. Floyd, the 1991 US 800-metre champion, was suspended for four years after she tested positive for an amphetamine at the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo.

The IAAF Council did, however, vote to accept early reinstatement of American shotputter James Doehring. He was suspended after an out-of-competition doping test in December, 1990, revealed an unacceptable level of testosterone.

The IAAF arbitration panel, seen as the highest authority of the IAAF's appeal system, has met only three times in the 80-year history of the IAAF.

In May, 1992, the panel met and upheld Reynolds' two-year suspension. Reynolds tested positive in August 1990 for a banned anabolic steroid and had been seeking to have his ban lifted in order to compete at the Barcelona Olympics July 25-August 9. The IAAF Council affirmed its arbitration panel's decision to maintain Reynolds' suspension.

In 1988, an arbitration panel heard an appeal for early reinstatement by Swiss athlete Sandra Gasser. She had been suspended for two years for a failed drug test. Her request was denied.

The IAAF arbitration panel met in 1985 to consider the eligibility of US hurdler Renaldo Nehemiah, who had been stripped of his eligibility to compete as an amateur athlete because he had played briefly in the National Football League.

Nehemiah's amateur eligibility was reinstated on the condition he not play professional football while he competed in track and field.

Courier reaps reward of honest, hard work

PARIS, June 1: If you listen to the things other players are saying about Jim Courier, the American already has his name on the French Open title a week ahead of schedule, writes Reuter.

The world number one and defending champion has blown away a succession of top-notch clay court opponents in such devastating style that keen rivals, not usually given to flattery, are actually jostling to express respect and admiration.

Andre Medvedev, last year's French junior champion and regarded as one of the most promising newcomers on the men's tour, was the latest victim on Sunday, winning just seven games in yet another annihilation.

"He's playing like a machine," the 17-year-old Ukrainian said. "If he improves — and I'm sure he will — it will be almost impossible to beat him."

"He's good at everything. He's fast, cool, mentally tough and his service is great ... You feel like an idiot. You hit the ball against a wall and it comes back faster."

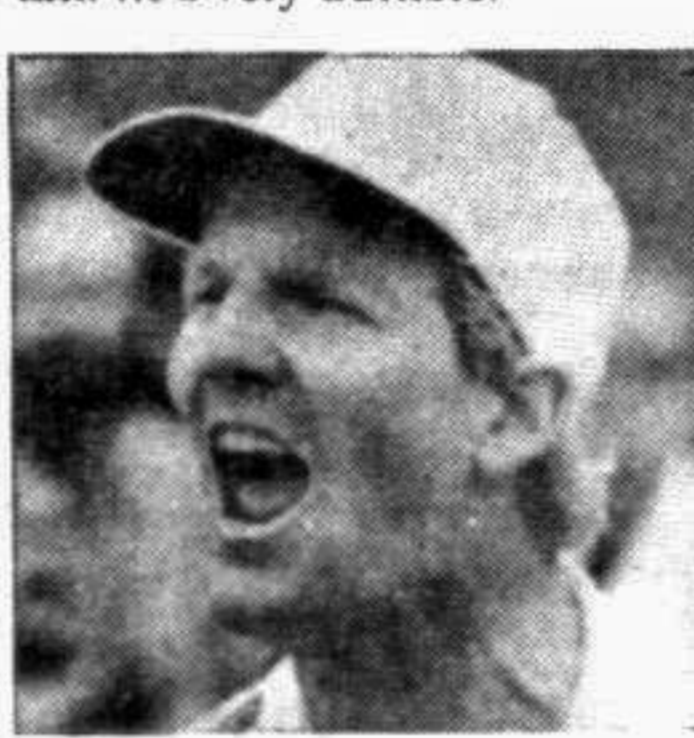
"I thought I could have fun and play well but I couldn't play well because he wouldn't let me. So I just had fun — but it wasn't funny."

Other high-ranked Americans are watching in awe as Courier, already winner of the Australian Open, first leg of the Grand Slam, establishes himself ever more firmly as world number one.

"Jim has deserved everything he has got," said Andre Agassi, the man Courier beat in last year's final in Paris. "I really would have a hard time thinking of anyone else who has worked as hard as he has for it."

Third seed Pete Sampras could only assent. "Courier's the hardest-working guy I have seen," he said. "When other people finish their matches and go home, he goes back and practices for an hour."

"It amazes me how strong he is physically. He does a lot of running, he never gets hurt and he's very durable."



JIM COURIER

Courier has yet to drop a set in the tournament and has let slip just 22 games in his last three matches against players of the calibre of Austria's Thomas Muster, Alberto Mancini of Argentina and Medvedev.

"He's playing very powerful tennis," Muster said. "He moves the ball around well and then he comes in. What he has more than other clay court players is a big serve and that's a big advantage for him. He wins a lot of points that way."

Courier's first round opponent, Niclas Kroon of Sweden, the only player to have earned a tiebreak against him, said he would bet money on the American retaining his title.

"I think he is very strong mentally. If he gets close, he wins those points. It is very tough to play a guy who is playing so well."

If the much-lauded Courier finds it hard to keep his feet on the ground after hearing such effusive outpourings of

praise, it does not show yet.

In the standard response of sports champions he is "just taking one match at a time" and not talking about the title.

But he is not the last to realise how good he has become.

"I think I'm playing a little smarter than last year. I think I'm more difficult to beat now," he said with more than a suggestion of understatement.

In Tuesday's quarter-finals Courier's opponent Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia will need his fearsome serve at full throttle to stand a chance of interrupting the American's coronation ceremony.

Davis Cup dates

NEW DELHI, June 1: India will take on Britain here on September in the world play-off Davis Cup match, the All India Tennis Association (AITA) announced Sunday, reports AFP.

The match would be played on grass courts on September 25-27. AITA secretary general R K Khanna told reporters.

The Indian line-up is expected to be Ramesh Krishnan, Leander Paes, Zeeshan Ali and Gaurav Natekar or Rohit Rajpal.

The non-playing captain will be Naresh Kumar.

Heat stroke

BRUSSELS, June 1: A 32-year-old Belgian doctor died from a heart attack 300 metres from the finish line of a 20 kilometre race won by David Long of Britain here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The race was held under hot sunshine and first aid teams had to treat 350 of the 20,000 competitors.

Long won in a time of 57 minutes and 48 seconds.

McEnroe calls for dope testing

PARIS, June 1: Free to speak his mind as he heads towards retirement, John McEnroe says tennis needs a major overhaul, including comprehensive drug testing and less prize money, reports AP.

"If people think the use of steroids isn't happening in tennis, they're kidding themselves," McEnroe said in an interview Sunday.

In probably his last singles appearance at the French Open, the 33-year-old was ousted in the first round Tuesday by Swedish upstart Nicklas Kulti.

He's reached the third-round in doubles with Andre Gassi, and he made his debut Saturday as a television commentator. He discussed his new job and his thoughts on tennis in the NBC studio while waiting out a rain delay.

"You can tell when someone has been on steroids," he said fiddling with a green baseball hat. "A guy bulks up, has a new body and never gets tired."

He said athletes on steroids had a definite advantage over their opponents because they

heal more quickly after an injury, recover faster after grueling matches and work much harder during training.

McEnroe said he was sure he had played against a few top-ranked players who had



JOHN MCENROE

taken performance-enhancing drugs, but he refused to name names.

"You see these guys or girls who come onto the tour talking about their new training programmes and their diets where they eat this or that new thing," he said. "But they'll never tell you about the drugs they took."

McEnroe said he definitely approved of testing, but believed it should be compre-

hensive, not random, which is currently the case at many major events, including the French Open.

Chris Evert, who joined McEnroe in the television studio, said she advocated across-the-board testing of all four semifinalists in every major event.

Earlier in the week, No 2 seed Steffi Graf touched off a controversy, saying she was sure she had played against at least one woman pro who had taken drugs.

"I can definitely say the same thing," said Evert, who retired in 1989 with seven French Open titles to her credit.

"Steroids can really make a difference, physically and mentally," she said. "I'd be really disappointed if I had been ranked No. 2 behind someone who took the stuff."

Both champions agreed more money should be spent on testing.

"I would wish I lost to a guy who beat me fair and square," McEnroe said.

Regarding prize money, McEnroe described today's purses as obscene. He suggested that pros take a 10 per cent cut in winnings, with the

leftover money targeted for charity and other image-enhancing projects.

Slipping on striped shirt and navy-blue NBC blazer, McEnroe said he was serious about his new television job and hoped to help the people back home learn something.

"The real challenge is to explain to the guy trying to put food on the table what pressure is to the guy on the court who earns millions," McEnroe said.

"It's tough to explain, but the world comes to an end if you lose," he said. "After 15 years on the circuit, it's still hard work to remember you're still a good player and good person, even if your results aren't good."

McEnroe was outspoken about revamping media coverage of the big events. He was saddened by NBC's decision to limit live broadcasting to the finals and show the rest in tape-delayed segments.

"I guess you gotta go with the ratings," he said.

McEnroe acknowledged that interest in tennis had leveled off in the United States. He advocated doing away with best-of-five matches and shortening sets.



Action from yesterday's national handball final between BDR and BAF at the handball court. BDR won 18-12. —Star photo

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