

# Bangladesh march into final

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh recorded their second consecutive victory in the third South East Asian ICC Associate Member's cricket championship when they overcame an unexpectedly defiant Singapore, the hosts, by five wickets at the Singapore Cricket Club ground yesterday, according to results reaching the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board office.

Singapore captain K H Imran beat his counterpart Min-harui Abedin Nannu in the spin of the coin and decided to bat on a wicket of variable pace and bounce.

Singapore opener A Dass was the first casualty when Nannu snapped him up off right-arm medium-pace bowler Saiful Islam for two with the total reading three. Opener Crossley and one-down Kilbee then set about ballasting the Singapore innings. The pair put on 53 for the second wicket and although there were deliveries that often got agonisingly past the tentative bats of the pair yet no damage was done as the scoreboard would show.

Aminul Islam Bulbul, Tuesday's six-wicket hero, then removed Crossley, bowled for 34, the highest score in the Singapore innings. Kilbee was the second highest scorer with 31 before he was caught by Farouque off left-arm spinner Enamul Huq Moni.

The latter Singaporean batsmen could not make much headway against the tenacious Bangladesh bowling and at the end of the stipulated 50 overs the scoreboard showed a paltry 126 for nine wickets with the aid 20 extras. T R Chandran and De Kretser were the other batsmen to reach the double figures with 11 and 10 respectively.

Jahangir Talukdar Dulu, the left-arm taceaman of Mohammedan Sporting Club, who was not played in the first match against Hong Kong Tuesday, was the pick of the

Singapore skipper Imran was the best bowler of his side claiming two for 13 in three overs. Sivalingam, Deshpande and Kretser took one each.

Today is a rest day. Bangladesh play Malaysia on Friday, June 19. With two victories under their belt and a third round the corner Bangladesh, the reigning two-time champions, have ensured a place in the final of the single league four-team tournament.

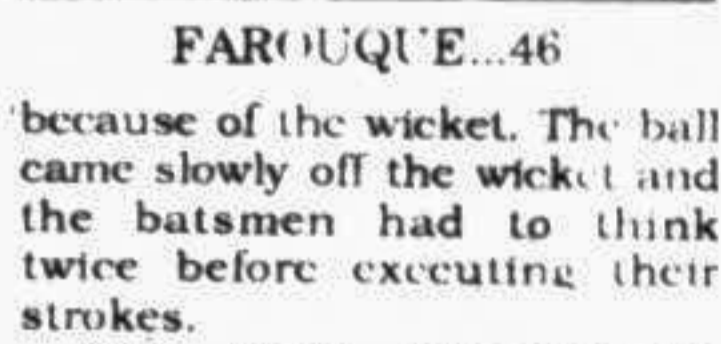
### SCOREBOARD

SINGAPORE:			
I Crossley	b Saiful	34	
A Dass	c Abedin b Saiful	2	
C Kilbee	c Farouque b Moni	31	
Goh Swee Heng	c Akram b Moni	1	
K M Deshpande	run out	5	
T R Chandran	c and b Dulu	11	
M De Kretser	b Dulu	10	
B Field	c Moni b Dulu	2	
K H Imran	c Nannu b Athar Ali	4	
Yusufi Faruq	not out	4	
S Sivalingam	not out	1	
Extras (b-3, lb-10, w-5, nb-2)		20	
Total (for nine wks in 50 overs)		126	
Fall of wks: 1-3; 2-56; 3-75; 4-88; 5-92; 6-114; 7-118; 8-118; 9-122			

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Prince	9	0	22	0
Saiful	8	3	10	1
Dulu	10	4	25	3
Moni	10	1	31	2
Bulbul	10	3	16	1
Athar Ali	2	0	6	1
Akram	1	0	3	0

BANGLADESH:			
Shantu c and b Deshpande	21		
Farouque b K H Imran	46		
Bulbul c Kilbee b De Kretser	1		
Nannu c Crossley b Sivalingam	19		
Akram not out	25		
Moni c De Kretser b K H Imran	7		
Athar Ali not out	3		
Extras (lb-1, w-4)	5		
Total (for five wks in 38.5 overs)	127		
Fall of wks: 1-47; 2-48; 3-71; 4-107; 5-123			

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
M De Kretser	10	1	21	1
A Dass	4	0	22	0
K M Deshpande	10	1	34	1
S Sivalingam	9.5	2	22	1
B Field	2	0	14	0
K H Imran	3	0	13	2



FAROUQUE...46

because of the wicket. The ball came slowly off the wicket and the batsmen had to think twice before executing their strokes.

The first Bangladeshi wicket fell at 47 when Shantu offered bowler Deshpande a tame catch for 21. Bulbul, who almost singlehandedly wrote the victory script for Bangladesh in the first match against Hong Kong with his haul of six wickets for 19 runs and gemmy innings of 45 could play only three balls for his one run before Kilbee gleefully accepted his catch off De Kretser.

Skipper Nannu bore a brief hand to a set Farouque at the other hand with 19 before perishing to Sivalingam. Farouque scored a fine 46, studded with five sure hits to the fence, an effort that earned him the man-of-the-match award.

Enamul Huq Moni departed cheaply but Akram Khan with 25 and Athar Ali Khan with three remained at the crease to guide Bangladesh to a five-wicket victory in 38.5 overs.

# Navratilova sent packing

EASTBOURNE, June 17: Martina Navratilova, long the undisputed queen of Eastbourne, suffered a shock second-round defeat at the Wimbledon warm-up tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Top seed Navratilova, who has won the Eastbourne tournament 11 times — including nine times in the last 10 years — went out to unheralded fellow American Lind Harvey-Wild, ranked 64th in the world, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

It was the 35-year-old Navratilova's first loss in 11 years to a player outside the top 50 and bodes ill for her attempt on another Wimbledon title next week.

"It doesn't help my preparations, that's for sure but I wouldn't say my confidence is shattered," she said. "I gave it everything I had and I've nothing to be ashamed about."

The former world number one has won a record nine Wimbledon singles titles but last year failed to get beyond the quarter-finals in her worst showing since 1977.



M. NAVRATILOVA

Navratilova, who has been playing on Eastbourne's grass courts since 1974 and regards the south-coast town almost as a second home, has complained this week of being advised by doctors to cut down on her punishing training routine.

A gusty wind also played its part in her downfall on Tuesday but Navratilova refused to lay the blame entirely on the weather.

"I just wasn't ready to play my best tennis in the second round," said Navratilova, who is back in action after a break of more than two months.

"The wind is a great equaliser and doesn't help the better players but she handled it better than I did. I became pretty tentative with my shots while she was going for hers."

Navratilova last lost to a player outside the top 50 at the 1981 Virginia Slims of California when she was beaten in the first round by German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch.

Though she broke Harvey-Wild, 14 years her junior, as she served for the match at 5-4 in the second set and went on to win the tiebreak 7-4, the defending champion soon found herself 0-4 down in the deciding set.

"I knew I'd come close and I didn't want to give up. I just told myself to keep fighting, and if she played good tennis there was nothing I could do about it," said Harvey-Wild, who made the third round at Wimbledon last year.

Second seed Mary Joe Fernandez was offered a spirited challenge by Sandrine Testud of France before earning a 7-6, 6-4 victory and a third-round place.

# Anand's brilliant victory over Italian Palermo

MANILA, June 17: Indian captain and world No five Viswanathan Anand scored a magnificent victory over Italian Grandmaster Garcia Palermo in the 30th Chess Olympiad here today, reports PTI.

Indian men, who had completed a 3-1 win over Philippines 'A' this morning, played again well against Italy in the ninth round of the 14-round, 112-nation tournament.

While G M Dibyendu Barua forced his rival Arlandi to a draw with brilliant finishing, national champion Pravin Thipsay suffered his second consecutive defeat — from Inbraga.

In the morning, Barua had felled Philippines' Rogelio Barcenilla in their yesterday's adjourned game.

Indian women are also in form against Finland with one game ending in a draw and two being adjourned in unclear positions.

Pakistan shall take the field at Lord's today (Thursday) hoping to retrieve the honours lost, to some extent, in the first two one-day internationals and also to reclaim their position in the Test series between the two countries.

The blank encounter at Birmingham, where the frailties of the English weather had the final say, had a few points to cheer them up. The limitations of the English attack were exposed and except De Freitas, who claimed the four Pakistan wickets that fell, none really made any dent in the confidence of the touring batsmen. Their skipper Javed Miandad (153 n.o.) and his deputy Salim Malik (165) led the run riot on the placid Edgbaston wicket. When these two were in full flow the English attack looked very ordinary indeed. As many as seven bowlers were used to bowl the 137 overs in which Pakistan scored 446 for 4; this clearly shows the ineffective nature of the English attack which lacked penetration and variety.

This feeling should boost the morale of the Pakistani batsmen in the forthcoming encounters. Incidentally Javed Miandad's ton at Edgbaston was his 23rd and Salim Malik's 10th as well as his highest Test score.

In reply, England came up with a total of 459 for 7 and to match the big knocks of Miandad and Malik England had two satisfying innings from Alec Stewart (190) and Robin Smith (127). Graeme Hick, averaging only 17.00 in 8 previous Tests, at last produced an

innings of 51 and confirmed, to some extent, the confidence of the selectors in his ability. But he was not at all comfortable against the leg-spin of Mushtaq Ahmed. In fact, it was Mushtaq who constantly posed problems for the English batsmen, though his figures of 2 for 156 in 50 overs do not tell that story. Miandad had no reason to be miandad in the Test was so obvious. He should use his main weapon rather sparingly. The English

ing that he had to run through them twice. Pakistan's chances of a victory will largely depend on the performance of their frontline bowlers: Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram. The latter must be scratching the ground to have a go on the Lord's wicket after his success against Notts and Northants.

It is to be seen if Pakistan are going to play four quickies. The aggressive and attacking leg-spin of Mushtaq Ahmed may well be Pakistan's main weapon. If the wicket yields little bit of bounce Mushtaq is likely to turn the ball in the later part of the match when the wicket wears out a bit, as was done by Phil Tufnell in the one-off Test at Lord's against Sri Lanka last summer.



Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland sports a black eye patch during the 30th Chess Olympiad eighth round match against Paul Motwani of Scotland in Manila June 11. The former Soviet Grandmaster was playing for the second day after undergoing an eye operation.—AFP photo

# Russia keep winning

MANILA, June 17: World Champion Garry Kasparov and his powerful Russian team took a big step towards capturing the gold medal in the Chess Olympiad in Manila on Tuesday by crushing Ukraine 3-1 in the eighth round, reports Reuter.

In the women's competition, China shut out the United States 3-0 to grab second place behind Ukraine.

Kasparov, continuing his brilliant play in the 14-round competition, defeated Ukraine's Grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk to secure his fifth successive victory.

The result gave Russia a total of 25.5 points after eight rounds, 4.5 points ahead of the Netherlands, Georgia and Armenia all tied for second place.

Ivanchuk was in a hopeless position and under time trouble when he resigned, boosting Kasparov's individual points tally to 5.5 from six games.

"We didn't have luck this evening and it seems that Russia is already the Olympic champion," Ivanchuk said.

"Our team played wonderfully, especially Kasparov and (Sergey) Dolmatov and we beat one of the most dangerous opponents for the gold," Russian team captain Yuri Ruzavayev told reporters.

Dolmatov, playing on the third board, defeated Oleg Romanishin for Russia's other full point.

The two other contests in the four-game match ended in draws. Russian Alexander Khalifman drew with Alexander Beliavsky in 32 moves and compatriot Alexey Dreev drew with Igor Novikov in 35.

England's Nigel Short, who will face Timman in the Candidates' final, suffered his first defeat in the Manila Olympiad, losing in 45 moves to Georgia's Zurab Azmaiparashvili.

The other games in the England-Georgia match ended in draws.

Zoltan Ribli beat Jon Arnaason to lead Hungary to a 2.5-1.5 win over Iceland.

The United States beaten 3.5-0.5 by Russia on Monday, defeated Bosnia-Herzegovina 2.5-1.5.

Boris Gulko beat Boran Kurajica and Joel Benjamin defeated Emir Dizdarevic to spearhead the US triumph. Pedrag Nikolic scored a lone victory for Bosnia-Herzegovina by defeating Yasser Seirawan.

Ukraine hung on to first place in the women's competition by taking a 1.5-0.5 lead over Germany, with one game adjourned.

The Ukrainian women have 17.5 points, half a point ahead of China.

# Lord's Test from today

LONDON, June 17: England cricket selectors have returned to a conventional five-batsmen, five-bowlers lineup for Thursday's second cricket Test against Pakistan at the famous Lord's ground in north London, reports AP.

England have played six specialist batsmen since losing 4-0 in the Ashes series in England to Australia in 1989, but is gambling on a more balanced lineup for the second Test.

An extra bowler may help dismiss Pakistan cheaply, but fewer specialist batsmen risks a batting collapse against Pakistan's pace attack.

"Our players are now more street-wise with the bat," England manager Micky Stewart said Wednesday. "A number of them were fairly inexperienced at Test level even as recently as last year."

Stewart had good news Wednesday when all-rounder Ian Botham, 36, passed a fitness test after a groin strain two weeks ago.

Ian has come through his work-out without any problems and, provided there is no reaction, he'll be ready to play tomorrow," Stewart said.

England's 39-year-old captain Graham Gooch will open

with Alec Stewart, who made a century in the rain-affect first Test draw at Edgbaston June 4-8. No 3 Graeme Hick made 51 at Edgbaston — his first Test 50 — and will be followed by veterans Allan Lamb and Robin Smith.

England have won just four of the 14 Tests played at Lord's in the past 10 years, and two of those were against Sri Lanka. With five losses

English county teams. Akram took 16 wickets for 150 from 64.2 overs in two matches the past week, including a 10-wicket haul against Northamptonshire.

Waqar's pace, Aaqib Javed's outswingers, Mushtaq Ahmed's spin and useful contributions from captain Javed Miandad and possibly 17-year-old pace bowler Ataur Rehman gives Pakistan has a bowling lineup capable of destroying England.

Miandad is the fourth highest Test run scorer in history, passing England's Geoff Boycott's total during the first Test. Openers Rameez Raja and Aamir Sohail have adapted quickly to English wickets, as has Salim Malik.

Both teams will announce final lineups Thursday.

ENGLAND SQUAD: Graham Gooch, Alec Stewart, Graeme Hick, Robin Smith, Allan Lamb, Ian Botham, Chris Lewis, Jack Russell, Philip De Freitas, Ian Salisbury, Devon Malcolm, Derek Pringle, Tim Munton.

PAKISTAN SQUAD: Rameez Raja, Aamir Sohail, Asif Mujtaba, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Wasim Akram, Moiz Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Shoaib Mohammad, Aaqib Javed, Ataur Rehman.

# Speak, Curtis must wait a while

LONDON, June 17: Lancashire's Nick Speak failed by just eight runs to become the first batsman to 1,000 runs in the English first-class season on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

He started the day needing 31 to reach the landmark in the county championship match against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, but was out for 23.

Afford played his part in a Notts fightback after they had been dismissed for 199. Lancashire finished on 90 for four.

Also agonizingly close to the four-figure milestone was Worcestershire skipper Tim Curtis, whose 124 against Glamorgan at Worcester left him 19 short.

However, the former England opener, whose innings included 13 fours, helped his side secure maximum batting points for the first time this season.

Curtis shared in stands of 111 with Gavin Haynes and 121 with David Leatherdale who both scored 66, as Worcestershire finished on 329 for four.

But the best batting performance of the day came from Graham Cowdrey, who slammed a career-best batting performance of 147 as Kent piled up 456 for eight after losing their first three wickets for just 23 against Gloucestershire at Bristol.

Cowdrey, missed at short leg on 50, struck two sixes, a five and 16 fours, while Andy Babin took seven for 93 in 27 overs.

Northamptonshire wicket-keeper David Ripley also hit a century, his second of the season, to rescue the visitors

There were no early alarms for Somerset when they batted. They were 40 without loss at stumps.

Middlesex had a collapse as well, but theirs came in the latter stage of their innings of 304 against Warwickshire at Coventry.

It was sparked by all-rounder Roger Twose, who captured a career-best six for 63 in a 27-over spell.

Bowling unchanged from before lunch until after tea, he claimed six for 11 in 64 balls as Middlesex crumbled after a stand of 161 between ex-England skipper Mike Gatting (117) and West Indies opener Desmond Haynes (67).

Championship leaders Hampshire took a pounding at Leicester, where the home county amassed 422 for seven.

It was a total which looked unlikely when the home side staggered to lunch at 83 for three off 38 overs, but then came an amazing transformation with three big partnerships.

Essex showed their title credentials by fighting back strongly after being dismissed for 223 against Yorkshire at Headingley, where Mark Robinson grabbed a career-best five for 48.

Yorkshire were 44 for three at stumps.

# Cypriots beat Farose 2-0

TOFTIR, Faroe Islands, June 17: Cyprus made the most of their chances on a blustery evening that made ball control difficult to beat the Faroe Islanders 2-1 in a World Cup qualifier here on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

# Olympic schedule needs change following ban on Y'slavs

MADRID, June 17: Organisers scrambled Tuesday to reshuffle the European pre-Olympic qualifying basketball tournament after the Spanish government refused to issue the Yugoslav basketball team entry visas to play in the event, reports AP.

Yugoslavia's men's basketball team has been weakened by the loss of athletes from Croatia and Slovenia, but the team would have been among the favourites to win an Olympic medal with such NBA players as Vlade Divac of the Los Angeles Lakers and Milos Babic of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

A spokesman for the Spanish Foreign Ministry said the action was taken in accord with sanctions adopted by the UN Security Council to pressure Yugoslavia — which now consists of only Serbia and Montenegro — to end the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"Obviously, if they don't play in this tournament I don't see how they can be in the Olympics — but things change so rapidly on something like this I can't say that for sure," said George Killian, president of FIBA — the world governing body of basketball.

The International Olympic Committee is to decide July 11 if Yugoslav athletes can compete in the July 25-Aug 9 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, but IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch has said he is pessimistic.

Yugoslavia's basketball team was to have played at Bilbao, Spain — one of four sub-sites across the country from which two teams each will advance to an eight-team play-off in Zaragoza, Spain. Four teams

will advance from Zaragoza to the 12-team Olympic field.

The loss of Yugoslavia leaves Slovenia, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria as the favorites at Bilbao, where play opens next Monday.

Lithuania and the CIS — two other powerhouse teams — in the European qualifying tournament — are expected to advance to Zaragoza from their sub-site tournament in Badajoz, Spain.

Swedish court remands two hooligans

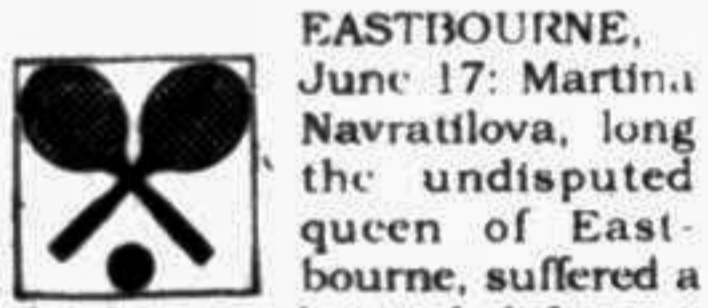
MALMO, Sweden, June 17: A Swedish court on Tuesday remanded in custody a Briton and a Norwegian on charges of violent rioting, after the district prosecutor said they had led an orgy of destruction in Malmo on Sunday morning, reports Reuter.

Neil Edwin Goodwin, 23, from Letchworth, England, and Kristian Wiermyhr, 22, from Larvik in Norway, will be tried in Malmo district court within two weeks.

District prosecutor Peter Tjader told the Court, held at Malmo police station, that plain clothes police had identified the two men as ringleaders of a riot in which up to 200 English supporters attacked police and damaged property.

Both men denied the charges, which carry a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment.

Police said earlier that Goodwin and Wiermyhr had instigated the riot by climbing on a beer tent in Malmo's Stortorget Square then leading a mob in what they called a pre-planned riot once they descended.



# Wimbledon denies discrimination with tickets

LONDON, June 17: All England Club, hosts of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships rejected on Tuesday claims that they have been discriminating against ordinary tennis fans through their policy of selling debenture tickets, reports Reuter.

Responding to allegations made by Mike Burton, a former England Rugby Union International who now runs a corporate hospitality business, the club issued a statement claiming they had been "badly misrepresented" by recent articles in British newspapers.

Burton's complaint, which he has forwarded to the European Commission in Brussels, is that the club are profiting by reselling debenture tickets at inflated prices, while simultaneously barring the black market re-sale of tickets by other parties.

The All England Club argue they make no profit from reselling debenture tickets on the so-called "white market" and that debenture holders are free to sell their tickets to whoever they choose. They also say only around one per cent of Centre Court tickets are involved.

"Both the white market and the new ticket conditions were introduced to protect ordinary tennis fans and their access to Wimbledon, not to discriminate against them," said John Curry, chairman of the All England Club.

"The black market makes a mockery of our carefully considered pricing and distribution system because it redirects far too many tickets to those who can afford to pay grossly inflated prices."

"Our conditions have been upheld in law and we will continue to defend the interests of genuine tennis fans by taking the necessary steps to enforce these conditions."

Chief executive Chris Goringe added: "The European Commission have already indicated it does not breach European law."



WASEEM AKRAM

masterminds will be too eager to deter his wrong 'un by studying the video tapes. Waqar Younis was not in his top gear and used the Edgbaston outing only to get back to his rhythm after a long lay-off. Aaqib Javed was a little expensive (86 in 16 overs) and the 17-year-old debutant pacer Ataur Rehman did very well to earn figures of 18-5-69-3.

Though England scored a big total of 459 for 7, the Pakistani bowling was thought to be considerably more menacing



DEVON MALCOLM

ing at Edgbaston, hitting his seventh Test ton to take his tally of Test runs to 2458 at an average of 53.43. These two are going to form the mainstay of English batting in the current series and may stand between Pakistan and victory in the forthcoming encounters.

The current series is likely to be dominated by batsmen on both sides. The wicket at Lord's has yielded lot of runs in recent years. If the Pakistani batsmen, most of whom are in very good form, can keep their heads down the English attack



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