

Pakistan 204/5 as rain forces Lord's match into 2nd day

Sports Reporter
The fourth Texaco Trophy one-day international cricket match between England and Pakistan at Lord's was hampered by rain yesterday and will now be completed to-day, Sunday.

Intermittent showers throughout the day Saturday caused several interruptions in the proceedings and England, facing a Pakistan total of 204 for five wickets in their 50 overs, were 15 for the loss of one wicket after 1.4 overs when the players came off following another heavy drizzle late last night, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka. Another 20 minutes of Saturday's play remained at that time.

The match, originally scheduled for 55 overs a side, had to be curtailed to 50 overs an innings because of a delayed start due to the weather.

Pakistan skipper Javed Miandad, back in the team after missing last Thursday's decisive third contest which England won by 198 runs to clinch the five-match series, won the toss and elected to bat despite the overcast conditions. Miandad's decision seemed to have backfired when his openers Aamir Sohail and Rameez Raja struggled against some accurate seam bowling by the England medium-pacers making full use of the helpful conditions.

Aamir Sohail left after making 20, being snapped up off a leading edge. Then Salim Malik and Rameez Raja featured in a very slow 59-run partnership for the second wicket. At 93 Rameez Raja, who looked pathetically out of touch, spooned a catch to acting England captain Alec Stewart—leading England in the absence of Graham Gooch who suffered a wrist injury Friday. Rameez, who was out in the 30th over of the innings, made his 23 runs off 74 deliveries and really bogged down the Pakistanis.

Salim Malik, batting with a runner, also found runcoring difficult and managed 48 before being stumped by debutant wicketkeeper Richard Blakey off left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth. Malik's 48 came off 76 balls with the help of three boundaries.

Javed Miandad, who also needed a substitute runner, tried to hold the innings together as the English bowlers threatened to turn the screw, top scored for his team with an unbeaten 50. First with Inzamamul Haq, who made 16 before being caught by Blakey behind the stumps off Dermot Reeve, and then with Wasim Akram, Miandad used all his skills and experience to guide his team past 200 when the overs ran out. Wasim Akram was bowled by DeFreitas for 23.

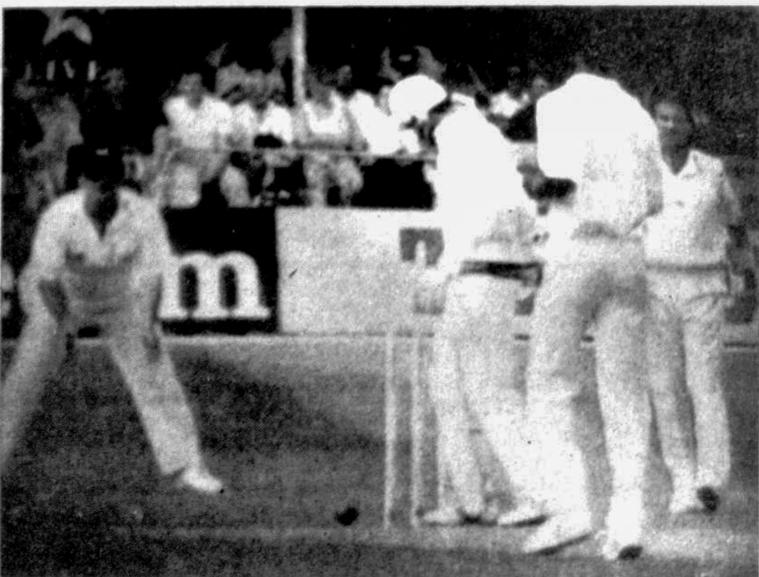
The Pakistani innings had been interrupted five times by the rains with the players having to come off, often for long periods.

England, too, had to leave the ground after only ten balls had been bowled in their innings. But in that time, makeshift opener Ian Botham had made 14 out of the 15 runs on the board. Botham made England's intentions of making it a five-nil clean sweep clear when he smashed the first three deliveries of the innings, bowled by Wasim Akram, to the fence for three cracking boundaries.

However, Akram's fast bowling partner Waqar Younis helped to heal the humiliation by trapping Alec Stewart leg before for nought with the fourth delivery of his first over when the rain again intervened. Robin Smith, yet to get off the mark, had joined Botham.

The remainder of the English innings will be completed today.

The fifth and final game is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, at the Old Trafford.



England players Allan Lamb(L), Chris Lewis and Ian Botham look on anxiously as Pakistani opener Aamir Sohail survives a possible played-on during yesterday's fourth one-day international at Lord's. —Star TV photo by T.A.Khan

Gooch sidelined

LONDON, Aug 22: England captain, Graham Gooch pulled out of the fourth one-day cricket match against Pakistan, Saturday, as rain delayed the start of the match for more than an hour, reports AP.

England lead 3-0 in the five match 55-over series. Saturday's match was reduced to 50-over after the rain delay.

Gooch's late withdrawal with a wrist injury after the pre-match practice session gave Alec Stewart the captaincy and Yorkshire wicket-keeper, Richard Blakey his senior England debut.

The 25-year-old Blakey was named to the squad to gain experience, but was not expected to play until Monday's fifth match.

Waqar to stay with Surrey

LONDON, Aug 22: Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis ended speculation on Saturday that he might leave his county club Surrey when he agreed terms with the London club for the remaining three years of his contract, reports Reuter.

Christie, Fredericks shine in Berlin



BERLIN, Aug 22: Britain's Linford Christie, who failed in his first major 100 metres after his Barcelona Olympic triumph, returned to top form with a vengeance on Friday, reports Reuter.

But Olympic silver medalist Frankie Fredericks of Namibia stole the show in the 200 metres at the Berlin Grand Prix meeting with brilliant win over Olympic champion Mike Marsh and fellow American Carl Lewis, a winner of eight Olympic titles.

And there was another shock in the 400 metres when Olympic bronze medalist Samson Kitur of Kenya blasted past Americans Quincy Watts and Steve Lewis, the gold and silver medalists, in the closing strides to snatch victory at the line.

Kitur clocked 44.75 seconds, ahead of Watts in 44.83 with Lewis third in 45.05.

The 32-year-old Christie, second behind Nigeria Olapade Adeniken in Cologne last Sunday, produced a superb start to beat a high-class field that included four other Barcelona finalists.

He clocked a wind-assisted 9.99 seconds with American Leroy Burrell second in 10.04 and Canadian Bruny Surin third in 10.15. American Olympic bronze medalist Dennis Mitchell finished fourth in 10.16. The wind speed was above the permitted level.

But just 10 minutes later the Olympic Stadium was set alight by a superb late run from the 24-year old Fredericks in a tight 200 metres finish.

The US-based Namibian

powered through in the final metres to Pip Marsh, the fastest man in the world this year, who held off Lewis on the line.

Fredericks clocked 20.01 seconds, ahead of Marsh in 20.14, with Lewis in 20.14, with Lewis in 20.16, ahead of



LINFORD CHRISTIE

able to train fully since the Games, declined to take on Lewis at the prestigious Zurich Weltklasse meeting on Wednesday, when the 31-year-old American triumphed over six Barcelona finalists.

Lewis, who failed to qualify for the US teams in the



FRANKIE FREDERICKS

Jackson, who had a disastrous Olympic final, continued his superb post-Barcelona form with his third victory over Canadian Olympic Champion Mark McKoy in 11 days.

European champion Jackson, whose Olympic hopes crumbled when he hit a hurdle early in the final, gave a superb display of smooth hurdling to clock 13.05 seconds.

McKoy, his training partner and friend, was second in 13.12 with Briton Tony Jarett third in 13.25. The wind had dropped below the permitted level for the race.

Jackson's time was just one hundredth of a second outside the European record he set when he beat McKoy in Cologne. The 25-year-old Welshman had already taken the scalp of the Olympic champion just a few days after the end of the Olympics in Monaco on August 11.

Kemel, 26, produced a strong finish to take the mile in three minutes 48.80 seconds with Morceli second in 3:49.79.

Kenyan Moses Kiptanui, who has broken two world records in four days this week—the 3,000 metres and 3,000 metres steeplechase—was unable to set a third in the 2,000 metres.

But Kiptanui, who plans to attack the 5,000 metres world record in Brussels next week, won in four minutes 52.53 seconds, 1.72 seconds outside the record.

Sergei Bubka, competing in his adopted German city, could not break his own world pole vault record of 6.11 metres.

But the Ukrainian kept fans in the stadium wide after the track events had finished before he failed in his third attempt at 6.13.

Christie to lead British challenge



LONDON, Aug 22: Olympic champion Linford Christie was named on Friday to head a British men's team that selectors feel could win the athletics World Cup in Havana next month, reports Reuter.

The men's side to compete in the sport's biggest team event will be captained by the 100 metres gold medalist and will include Colin Jackson, John Regis and nine other individual Olympic finalists.

With other countries seemingly not taking the end of season event as seriously, a British success was already being forecast.

Christie will defend the 100 metres crown he won in Barcelona.

Bigger news for the team was that European 200 metres champion Regis has been persuaded to compete after insisting last week he was not inter-

ested in taking part. Selectors have also named 400 metres hurdles bronze medalist Kris Akabusi despite his recent insistence that he

SA marathoner loses title

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 22: This year's winner of the country's premier distance race, the Comrades Marathon, has been stripped of the title after testing positive for a banned stimulant, reports AP.

Charl Mattheus unknowingly absorbed the stimulant when he took medicine for a cold shortly before the May race, a disciplinary committee of Athletics South Africa ruled Friday.

Mattheus also was suspended from competition for three months, along with Annette Schoeman, who finished third in the women's division in the double marathon.

Britain's high hurdler Colin

Devoyn on course to retaining NZ Open title

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Aug 22: Susan Devoy moved nearer to reclaiming her New Zealand Open squash title today by beating Robyn Lambourne of Australia in the semifinals, reports Reuter.

Lambourne won the New Zealand title last year after Devoy, the world champion, withdrew from the second round when her father had a heart attack and she suffered pregnancy complications which led to a miscarriage.

"We were both in hospital by the end of that day," the New Zealander recalled on Saturday after winning 15-8, 15-9, 15-10 with her relentless retrieving.

Devoy will play another Australian, Michelle Martin, in the final. Martin defeated world number two Martina Le Moignan of England 15-6, 15-6, 15-13 in the other semifinal.

The men's final could produce the first German winner of a major squash title when Hansi Widens meets Spaniard Austin Adarraga.

The German number one defeated Faheem Khan of Hong Kong 15-6, 15-7, 15-8 while Adarraga overcame Mark Carlyon of Australia 15-3, 15-15, 15-13, 10-15, 15-5.

New jail term for SA soccer official

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 22: A former high-ranking official of South Africa's national soccer league was sentenced on Friday to eight years in jail for stealing nearly 233,000 dollars from the organisation, reports Reuter.

A Johannesburg court said Abdul Bhamjee, the league's former public relations chief, would serve the term concurrently with a separate 14-year sentence begun earlier this year for stealing more than 2 million dollars from league sponsors.



Ewa Mataya, a native of Sweden, lines up the cue ball August 20 during match play at the US Open billiards championship. Mataya has been the world's top-ranked woman for the last two years. There are sixteen women vying for the 3,500 US dollar top prize. — AFP photo

Becker ends Connors' run



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug 22: Boris Becker ended Jimmy Connors' dream run of the 1 million dollar RCA Championships on Friday with a 6-4, 6-3 quarterfinal victory, reports Reuter.

Middle age is looming for the 37th-ranked Connors who turns 40 years old on September 2—but he showed here he still can master some players 20 years his junior.

This week he cruised through three opponents including fifth seed Wayne Ferreira in the third round before facing the ninth-ranked Becker, the third seed.

"I guess I bring out the best in everybody," said the 11th seeded Connors. "You just have to do the best you can."

Becker, the runner-up here in 1991, meets defending champion Pete Sampras in the semifinals. The second-seeded American beat unseeded Swede Thomas Enqvist 6-0, 7-6 (8-6) in another quarter final.

Top seeded world number one Jim Courier plays unseeded fellow American Todd Martin in the other semifinal. Martin, ranked 125th in

the world, upset sixth seed Francisco Clavet of Spain 6-1, 6-2.

Becker's serve was the key to his convincing win over Connors. The German hit eight aces and won an astonishing 25 of 28 points on his first serve.



BORIS BECKER

"You can't hit what you can't see," said Connors.

Becker's serving neutralised Connors' most renowned weapon, his return of serve. Connors barely touched a first serve all day and when he did he won only 11 per cent of the points. On Becker's second serve, Connors was on the

winning side only 37 per cent of the time.

"It was the best match I served all week," said Becker, who now holds a 5-0 career edge over Connors. "I knew the way I had to play and that I had to stick with it from the first to the last point."

"I knew I had to do well the first couple of games," added Becker. "I wanted him to know I'm here, been on playing and wanting to win."

The third-ranked Sampras, who won last week in Cincinnati, served eight aces during his match and won 93 per cent of the points when he got his first serve in.

Sampras won all but 10 points in the first set.

The 135th-ranked Enqvist saved four match points on his serve in the 12th game of the second set but Sampras won the match on his second match point in the tiebreaker.

"I would hate leaving a tournament after being up four match points and losing," said Sampras.

"I played pretty well," said Sampras, who feels he has improved since last year when he won here. "I'm probably a better player. I'm more solid and smarter."

Washington stops Mac's march



NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 22: Hard-serving Malival Washington knocked John McEnroe out of the third round of the 1.04 million dollar Volvo International on Friday as Stefan Edberg led the top five seeds into the quarter-finals, reports Reuter.

Only 24 hours after he was fined, 3,000 dollars for pushing over a television cameraman and his equipment, the 33-year old McEnroe, seeded ninth, was bounced decisively by his eighth-seed fellow American 7-6, 6-3.

"I don't look at it as an upset, just a very good win," said Washington, who lost to McEnroe in their only previous meeting a year ago.

"When I started getting my first serves in, that set the tone for me. I started to get that good feeling in the first set tiebreaker."

Washington's cannon delivery earned 12 aces, including two in the 7-0 tiebreaker and a pair for the last two points of the match.

McEnroe refused to blame his incident with the cameraman in Thursday's second-round victory over Thierry Guardiola of France, for which he was fined 3,000 dollars for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"I think it would be sur

grapes to use the happening of the day before as an excuse for my loss today," said McEnroe.

Malival played the big points well and he deserved to win. He's not a big guy but his serve is hard to pick up."

Edberg had an easy time with 16th seed Paul Harhuis of the Netherlands, winning 6-2, 6-4.

"I feel I'm playing well enough to be one again," said Edberg, who is currently number two in the world behind American Jim Courier.

Second seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia was in big trouble against Olympic gold medalist March Rosset of Switzerland in a battle of booming services before escaping a middle-set tiebreaker 7-5 and surviving 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

Third seed Michael Chang led 5-0 in both sets before beating 14th seed Andrei Cherkasov of the CIS 6-2, 6-1. But added: "Nobody takes Andrei lightly—he beat me at the Open two years ago and I know he's a big match player."

Defending champion Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia, the fourth seed, picked up steam in the third set to turn back 21-year-old Californian Chuck Adams 6-4, 6-7 (7-3), 6-4.

Fifth seed Ivan Lendl had little difficulty ousting 12th seed Amos Mansdorf 6-2, 6-3.

Seventh-seeded Guy Forget

of France won two tiebreaker in advancing past 10th seed Alexander Volkov of the CIS 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-1).

The only unseeded player making the quarter-finals was France's Fabrice Santoro, who beat US collegiate champion Alex O'Brien 6-3, 6-3.

The quarter final pairings for Saturday were Edberg and Forget, Chang and Lendl, Santoro and Korda, and Washington and Ivanisevic.

Indian couple steps into the Guinness Book of Records

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: The husband and wife team of Saloo and Neena Choudhury has entered the Guinness Book of Records for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe, crasing the previous record set by a British Army team, reports PTI.

The couple received the Guinness Book of Records certificate on August 14, on the eve of the country's Independence Day.

"We have broken the backbone of the British Army," said a jubilant Saloo and Neena at a press conference here today.

For the duo it was a personal vengeance of Raja Nandkumar's death during the British rule.

DMFA's donation for Shaheen

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) donated Taka ten thousand to ailing footballer Shaheen.

The cheque was handed over to the footballer by DMFA general secretary Kazi Mishu at the Orthopaedic Hospital yesterday.

DMFA's financial assistance was the third in line following two earlier donations by State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain and the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

The Minister had donated Taka 50 thousand while the BFF later joined the fray with a grant of Taka 20 thousand.

Shaheen, a promising defender who represented the Bangladesh under-19 team in an Asian qualifying meet in India last June, suffered a fractured leg during a game in Narayanganj a few weeks ago, following which his leg had to amputated due to an onset of gangrene.



Kazi Mishu, secretary of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), handed over a cheque for Tk 10,000 to former BRTC footballer Shaheen yesterday at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.