



Pakistan's Inzamamul Haq on way to making 75 in yesterday's fifth and final Texaco Trophy match at Old Trafford. —Star TV photo

England make it 4-1

Sports Reporter

England potted the Texaco Trophy one-day international quintet in style when they outplayed Pakistan by six wickets with nearly two overs to spare in the final over-limit match of the series yesterday at Old Trafford, Manchester, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night.

Pakistan, who lost the series 1-4, batted first as acting skipper Rameez Raja decided to make use of an ideal batting strip despite the absence of skipper Javed Miandad and Salim Malik, the two mainstays of the Pakistan batting.

Left handed Amir Sohail and Rameez Raja gave Pakistan a fine start putting on 69 for the first wicket. Rameez was run out for a bright 37 and Sohail did not last long, making only nine before playing on to Dermot Reeve.

Amir Sohail, who was dropped by Lamb off England debutant Dominic Cork at six, and by Dermot Reeve at 41 off his own bowling, rode his luck to top score with 87 off 140 balls before being run out under farcical circumstances. Inzamamul Haq refused to respond to Sohail's call for a single and the opener failed to regain his ground.

Ecuador beat Bolivia

MEDELLIN, Colombia, Aug 24: Ecuador beat Bolivia 4-1 in their final Group B match on Sunday and scraped into the final round of the South American under-20 soccer championship, reports Reuter.

A last minute goal gave Brazil a 1-0 win over Paraguay in the other Group B match to kill off Paraguay's hope of qualifying for the final round.

Ecuador and Paraguay finished with the same number of points and the same goal differential, however Ecuador advanced because they had scored more goals.

Ecuador beat Brazil, Colombia and Uruguay in the final round of the tournament, which begins next Wednesday. The top three teams in the tournament will qualify for the World Under-20 soccer

Pakistan finally piled up 254 for four in their allotted 55 overs, a good score but never unassailable on a good wicket and against erratic bowling as exemplified by the Pakistan new ball bowlers.

Waqar Younis gave away as many as 23 runs in his first two overs and the redoubtable Wasim Akram 18 off his first two as England got off to an ideal start, putting 41 runs on the board in four fruitful overs.

Graham Gooch raced to 45 backed up by the packed crowd, started from where they had left off at Lord's.

Smith clobbered the Pakistani bowlers all over the ground in an unbeaten innings of 85 which featured a huge sixer off medium-pacer Naveed Anjum.

Graeme Hick, who was in marauding mood in the last match, remained unbeaten at the kill with a rapid-fire innings of 42, inclusive of two sixes off Pakistan leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed.

In the end the Englishmen were home and dry at 255 for four in 43.4 overs.

Once again, Robin Smith was adjudged the man-of-the-match.

Waqar Younis then made amends for his wayward first spell with two quick blows that brought Pakistan right back into the game. He clean bowled Fairbrother for 15 and then had Lamb caught behind for two in very the next over.

Unfortunately for Pakistan there was no looking back for the Englishman as Robin Smith and Graeme Hick,

Edberg wins ATP title

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 24: Stefan Edberg of Sweden, the top seed, won the 1.4 million dollars New Haven ATP tennis tournament when he beat eighth seed Malivai Washington of the United States 7-6 (7/4), 6-1 in the final here on Monday, reports AFP.

Sampras retains US Hardcourt title

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug 24: Second seed Pete Sampras confirmed his status as the hottest player on the men's tennis tour by defending his title at the 1 million dollar US Hardcourt Championships with an impressive victory over top-ranked Jim Courier on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Sampras picked up 144,000 dollar for his ability to "Pete's playing well," said the 21-year-old French and Australian Open champion. "He's hitting the ball extremely well from the baseline and he's serving well."

Sampras picked up his second title in as many weeks and third of the summer with a decisive 6-4, 6-4 win over the top seed in an all-American final.

The third-ranked Sampras won another US Open tuneup event in Ohio last week and also won in Kitzbuhel, Austria prior to the Olympics.

"I had a really good week," said the 21-year-old Sampras, who survived a three-set test of nerves against Boris Becker in Saturday's semifinals.

"Each match I played better and better. I played about as well as I could today," said the 1990 US Open champion who should come into the year's final Grand Slam event as the hot favourite after a superb summer.

Courier, who broke out of a summer-long slump by reaching the final here, was impressed with Sampras. "Ultimately, a couple of

points made all the difference as Sampras managed to convert both his chances to break Courier, while the top seed failed in two attempts to break Sampras.

"I played solid except for two or three points and that cost me the breaks in both sets," said Courier, a third round loser at both Wimbledon and the Olympics this summer.

"When you're on a hot streak (like Sampras), you don't make those two or three bad pints," added Courier, who pocketed 75,905 dollar for his efforts.

Courier fell behind in the fifth game when Sampras hit a winning forehand at 30-40 for the lone break of the opening set.

In the second set, the world number one floundered at deuce in the seventh game. He double faulted to give Sampras a break point and then watched as the second seed unleashed an uncatchable backhand crosscourt volley to go up 4-3.

After each break Sampras was able to cling to the advantage and serve out the set.

"I though I served very well, very smart," said Sampras, who had eight aces during the match. "I'm pleased because I am really competing well and I'm very confident."

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Haynes hits hard as Middlesex match the points record

LONDON, Aug 24: West Indies Test opener Desmond Haynes hit a dashing 65 for Sunday League champions Middlesex as they equalled the record number of points in a season for the 40 overs competition, reports Reuter.

Haynes, who struck eight fours in his innings of 71 balls, spurred Middlesex to 220 for nine against Sussex at Hove before rain prevented any further play.

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Jubilant Pakistan players congratulate Waqar Younis (C, raised hands) after the fast bowler dismissed England's last batsman Richard Illingworth to give his side a thrilling three-run victory in the fourth Texaco Trophy one-day international at Lord's on Sunday. —AFP photo

30 hurt as soccer fans clash in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Aug 24: Clash between supporters of rival teams in a friendly football match at Anwara today left at least 30 injured, 12 of them were admitted to Anwara Health Complex with multiple injuries, reports UNB.

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Waugh's ton redeems Australia

MATARA, Sri Lanka, Aug 24: Mark Waugh scored a perfect century, bolstering Australia's first innings score to 312 for 9 at stumps on the first day of their 3-day match against Sri Lanka's Southern District team Monday, reports AP.

But Sri Lankan medium pacer Kapila Wijegunawardene overshadowed Waugh's batting efforts with an 18-ball spell that gave him 3 wickets.

Waugh's 118 was the first ton by an Australian on the current tour, and his 36th in first class cricket.

Opener Tom Moody struggled for 64 minutes for his 28 played onto Dulip Liyanage and Dean Jones was yorked first ball at lunch which was taken at 70 for 3.

Waugh and Ian Healy joining at 132 for 5, shared 125 runs for the 6th wicket, to post an Australia recovery. Tea was taken at 204 for 5. Waugh batted for 197 minutes for his 177-ball innings spicing it with a six and 11 boundaries.

Australia, deciding to bat first, lost opener David Boon in the third over when he played onto medium pacer Kapila Wijegunawardene. Australia rested opener Mark Taylor and all-rounder Greg Matthews from their first Test winning line-up giving the 20-year old West Australian batsman

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stand, helped himself to the second half century of the tour, and reached his 50 with three successive boundaries off medium fast bowler Nishantha Ranatunga. At stumps Healy was 22 runs short of maiden first class century. Healy has so far batted for 208 minutes, facing 147 balls hitting 9 boundaries.

The two medium fast bowlers Wijegunawardene and Liyanage bowled impressively to pick up four and three wickets respectively.

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Soccer fans clash in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 24: At least 25 students were injured as football fans clashed with sticks and stones during an inter-school football match held at the local Shaheed Shamsuddin Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Seven with serious injuries were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital. Others were given first aid.

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Sixty seconds of golden silence

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 24: South African sport is emerging from apartheid with black and white competing side by side but fans still deeply divided over the nation's identity, reports Reuter.

Only a nervous minute's silence in Cape Town on Saturday averted the possibility of the country's sport in general, and certainly the game of rugby union, suffering a swift and bitter return to international isolation.

So tense were those 60 seconds of silence before the rugby test between South Africa and Australia that the relieved crowd awarded themselves one of the biggest cheers of the day at its completion.

Although orange, white and blue national flags appeared in the stands, only a few small groups sang the die Stem anthem. But this time, neither was officially flaunted.

It was a complete contrast to the previous Saturday in Johannesburg when 70,000 white rugby fans raised their flags and sang the anthem before South Africa played New Zealand, ignoring African National Congress (ANC) demands to honour the memory of the township dead.

"I was outraged," influential ANC sports spokesman Steve Tshwete said at the time. "They sent a strong signal to us — blacks and whites are two poles apart."

It put in jeopardy not only the Test against Australia but also forthcoming tours to France and Britain and the staging of the 1995 rugby World Cup.

The crowd's behaviour in Cape Town salvaged that.

The crowd behaved beautifully... 42,000 people were saying they recognise the need for peace in our country," Tshwete said.

"I feel more confident than ever before that the country will be saved. That moment of silence United South Africa."

Rows over colours, arm-bands, flag-waving and the national anthem have spotlighted the huge gulf between supporters of the old and new orders.

While on paper teams are "united" in a wealth of sports, the country has plunged into crisis over symbols.

"We need new symbols that represent a new order and are rid of colonialism and white domination," the liberal Africans weekly Vrye Weekblad said in a recent editorial.

"Our black fellow citizens will never and cannot accept these (the flag and anthem) as their symbols."

This was the view taken by the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA) for the country's return to the Games after its 32-year apartheid induced absence.

NOCSA chose a neutral white flag with the five Olympic rings and the Olympic anthem, shunning the national banner and Die Stem Hymn which have come to represent white supremacy and oppression of the black majority.

Athlete Elana Meyer ran her silver medal lap of honour wrapped in the white banner and holding hands with the black Ethiopian victor Derartu Tulu, saying "I did it for the new South Africa." But he fans in the stands waved the national orange, white and blue flag.

As the row raged, president F W De Klerk urged tolerance over national symbols, and acknowledged a need for new national symbols in a non-racial South Africa.

The black newspaper City Press underlined this in a cartoon on Sunday. Under the slogan One Minute of Old South African Symbols, it depicted a burly white with a Springbok on his head, holding the national flag and singing Die Stem.

However, the editor of the