



A crest-fallen South African batsman Jimmy Cook looks back at his rattled stumps after Sri Lankan seamer Pramodya Wickremasinghe have him beaten hollow on the third day of the first Test in Moratuwa yesterday. Behind the stumps, Asanka Gurusinha (L) and keeper Pubudu Dassanayake rejoice while batsman at the non-striker's end is Daryll Cullinan. Cook made only seven.

BCCB XI now leave on August 31

Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven, who will participate in the Moin-ud-Dowla Gold Cup Invitational Cricket tournament in the Indian city of Hyderabad, will leave Dhaka on Tuesday, two days ahead of earlier schedule, reports UNB.

Bangladesh national team, which will tour India under the banner of BCCB Eleven, rescheduled their programme to play two practice matches in Hyderabad before the tournament starts.

The team is also scheduled to play four or five one-day exhibition matches in Bombay after the tournament.

The 12-team Gold Cup tournament will be held September 4-12 with BCCB Eleven placed in Group D alongwith Hyderabad Cricket Association President (HCAP) Eleven and the Chemplast.

The BCCB Eleven will take on HCAP Eleven on the opening day (September 4), and play their second and last group match against Chemplast team on September 8.

Minhazul Abedin Nannu of Mohammedan SC has been made captain while Enamul Haq Moni of Bangladesh Bitan will be his deputy.

U-14 soccer in Tangail from September 17

A six-team football tournament for under-14 booters, organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), will be held in Tangail from September 17, reports UNB.

The BFF has organised the tournament as preliminary trials to pick up 30 or 35 boys for a three-week coaching programme which will begin in the first week of October under German coach Holger Overmann.

The German coach is expected to arrive in the city on October 2.

Six teams—one each from four former administrative divisions along with Pioneer Coaching Eleven and Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisahan (BKSP)—will compete in the week-long training meet.

Dhaka Division, Chittagong Division and Pioneer Eleven have been placed in Group A while Khulna Division, Rajshahi Division and BKSP in Group B.

Two top teams from each group will qualify for the last four.

The decision was taken at meeting of the tournament committee at the BFF office this evening with its chairman and BFF member Hasanul Haq Inu in the chair.

The meeting also decided to organise the national under-14 football tournament from the first week of October with the participation of all 64 district teams.

The organisers are now looking for a sponsor for the said tournament, a tournament official said yesterday.

S-Pulse scrape through

TOKYO, Aug 28: Shimizu S-Pulse beat nearest rivals Verdy Kawasaki 3-2 in a penalty shootout Saturday to keep their lead in the second stage of the Japanese football league with seven straight wins against one loss, reports AFP.

Shimizu, who lost only their opening match, continued to deny any goal to their opponents for the sixth straight match while Kawasaki, depleted by the absence of Brazilian defender Pereira, slid to 6-2.

Spinners dominate Day 3

MORATUWA, Sri Lanka, Aug 28: Debutant off-spinner Pat Symcox took two wickets in five balls as South Africa hit back before stumps on the third day of the first Test against Sri Lanka here today, reports AFP.

Symcox claimed his first Test victims by removing opener Roshan Mahanama and Piyal Wijetunga in his first over as Sri Lanka struggled to 26 for two in their second innings.

Despite Sri Lanka securing an overall lead of 90, the match is poised to go through an absorbing fourth day after the spinners took nine of the 12 wickets that fell on the third day.

21-year-old off-spinner Muttiah Muralidharan grabbed his first five-wicket haul in his brief career as Sri Lanka took the upper hand in the post-lunch session. Muralidharan, with figures of five for 104 spearheaded Sri Lanka's spin campaign on a slow track as South Africa lost their last seven wickets for 64 runs to be all out for 267.

Symcox also showed his prowess with the bat with a breezy 48 inclusive of seven fours and was the only one to shine from the bottom-order as wickets continued to fall at frequent intervals following the departure of opener Andrew Hudson for 90.

The Sri Lankan spinners finally came into their own after failing to create any impression on the second day when South African openers Kepler Wessels and Andrew Hudson scored 81 in 42 overs without separating.

The two extended their partnership to 104 before Muralidharan claimed the wicket of skipper Wessels in the eighth over of the morning.

Wessels swung needlessly at a ball from Muralidharan and Hashan Tillekeratne at backward square-led took the catch. Wessels' patent knock of 47 included just two boundaries.

Vice-captain Hansie Cronje

was bowled by Muralidharan but Hudson escaped from being the bowler's third victim when Asanka Gurusinha dropped him on 57 at silly point.

Gurusinha, however, made up for his earlier lapse by taking a catch off Hudson in the same position of left-arm spinner Piyal Wijetunga. Hudson, who missed his second Test century by 10 runs, hit a six off Muralidharan and ten fours in his 296-minute innings.

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Good start for Zimbabwe

HASLINGDEN, England, Aug 28: Zimbabwe made a flying start to their seven-game English tour here on Friday by cruising to an eight-wicket win over the League Cricket Conference, reports AFP.

After restricting the Conference side to 231 for eight off their 55 overs, the tourists coasted to their target with five overs to spare.

The highlight of the Conference innings was a third-wicket partnership of 111 between former Australian Test player Peter Sleep (71) and Ian Cockbain.

However, the total was never enough to worry the powerful Zimbabwe batting line-up, with their top four batsmen all passing 40.

Brothers Andrew and Greg Flower gave them an excellent start with 121 for the first wicket in just 87 minutes, with Andrew Flower reaching 50 in just over a run a ball.

When the brothers departed, Alistair Campbell (42) and David Houghton (56) continued to plunder a modest attack with an unbroken stand of 96.

SCOREBOARD LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE:

Table with columns: S, Dean c Houghton b Brain 12, G Foley b Brain 19, P Sleep b Peal 71, Cockbain c Arnott b Brandes 36, N Heaton b Brandes 0, D Smith c Arnott b Renne 6, R Hignett c Brain b Renne 22, D Fleming not out 35, J Macaulay run out 4, R Ellwood not out 4, Extras: 22, Total: (8 wkts) 231. Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-44; 3-155; 4-163; 5-163; 6-174; 7-201; 8-209.

Bowling: Brandes 11 2 40 2, Brain 10 1 37 2, Streak 11 1 36 0, Peal 11 3 39 1, G Flower 3 1 15 0, Renne 9 0 52 2

ZIMBABWE:

Table with columns: A Flower c Macaulay b Sleep 75, G Flower c and b Sleep 51, A Campbell not out 42, D Houghton not out 56, Extras: 8, Total: (2 wkts) 232. Fall of wickets: 1-121; 2-136.

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Dowman bats his way into record books

LONDON, Aug 28: England opener Matthew Dowman batted his way into the record books with a magnificent 267 on the second day of an under-19 Test against West Indies at Hove on Friday, reports Reuter.

The left-hander achieved the highest individual score by an England under-19 player as his side totalled a massive 561, the highest by any country at this level.

Dowman hammered two sixes and 36 fours off 386 balls in 448 minutes and put on 266 for the fourth wicket with Robert Cunliffe who made 98 as the pair set an England under-19 record for any wicket.

Dowman finally fell to leg-spinner Dinanath Ramnarine who finished with five for 141 from 45.1 overs.

West Indies, needing 412 to avoid the follow on, were 197 for three in reply at the close with Juni Mitchum 69 not out.

Benjamin to replace Marshall

LONDON, Aug 28: Hampshire have signed Winston Benjamin to replace fellow-West Indian paceman Malcolm Marshall, who retires at the end of the season after 15 years with the county, reports Reuter.

Benjamin, 29, has signed a three-year contract after being released by Leicestershire, for whom he had played since 1986.

West Indies openings batsman Phil Simmons is Leicestershire's new overseas signing, and will be appearing in county cricket for the first time.

Maradona fined for misconduct

MADRID, Aug 28: Spanish club Sevilla has fined Diego Maradona between 3 and 3.5 million dollars for behaviour detrimental to the club, said Madrid publication AS on Friday, reports AFP.

Maradona, sacked by Sevilla on June 29, is now back in his native Argentina.

One of football's greatest ever players, who lifted the World Cup for Argentina seven years ago, has been accused of behaviour detrimental to the image of the club, hindering their chances of a UEFA Cup place.

Edberg gets into the grooves



COMMACK, NY, Aug 28: Stefan Edberg survived a challenge from Alexander Volkov on Friday and advanced to the semifinals of the \$100,000 Hamlet Cup after a long match under a broiling sun that left him dehydrated and needing help from trainers, reports AP.

Edberg, the top seed who begins defence of his US Open championship next week, saved 15 of 18 break points to beat Volkov 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

In other quarter-final matches, seventh-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia defeated Luis Mattar of Brazil 6-4, 6-2; Marc Rosset of Switzerland beat Cedric Pioline of France 6-4, 6-4; and fifth-seeded Michael Chang eliminated No. 3 Sergi Bruguera of Spain 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

After 2 hours, 33 minutes in humid conditions that reached above 110 degrees on the court, Edberg, the world's third-ranked player, was treated by Bill Norris, the ATP trainer.

"Edberg had the first signs of heat illness," Norris said.

"He was dehydrated and was fed a large quantity of orange juice and honey and made to rest a while."

The Sweden native had a rough start against the eighth-seeded Volkov, who is No. 14 in the rankings.

"I didn't feel great after the first 45 minutes out there," Edberg said. "It was so hot and

humid. I felt like I had a little sunstroke. It was difficult to breathe. It was a tough match. I don't know how I won it, but I



STEFAN EDBERG

did." Volkov, who upset Edberg in the first round of the 1990 US Open in their only other meeting outdoors, managed the heat better.

"It's not good to play in humid weather like that," the native of Russian said. "But I wasn't too tired. Edberg's serve

whenever I got a break point bothered me more."

Edberg saved service in a 16-point opening game of the third set after Volkov had been denied on four break points. Edberg erased 0-30 in the seventh game and a break point by Volkov. Volkov reached 3-0 in the tiebreaker, but Edberg won six of the next seven points.

"It was like climbing a mountain," Edberg said.

Ivanisevic beat the unseeded Mattar in 75 minutes. He broke Mattar's service once in the first set, twice in the second and saved all four break points Mattar earned in the match.

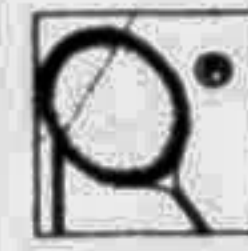
"My first serve wasn't working," said Ivanisevic, ranked 11th and still seeking his first ATP tour title of the year. "But he didn't know how to return my second serve. It bounces high and he returned it short and I could do what I wanted with this."

Bruguera, a clay court specialist who won the French Open this year, was playing his first hardcourt event since early March and was overpowered after the opening set.

Winner of 12 of his last 13 matches, Chang is 46-14 this year, 33-8 on hardcourts.

"He served a lot better in the first set than the last two," Chang said. "He dictated the play and I was forced to change things and come to the net more. It proved well for me. Things started going my way."

Martin ends Jansher reign



HONG KONG, Aug 28: World champion Jansher Khan's five-year winning reign in Hong Kong came to an end Saturday when he tumbled to a 3-0 semifinal defeat at the hands of

Enqvist boomers blow Lendl off

SCHENECTADY, NY, Aug 28: Booming serves powered Sweden's Thomas Enqvist to a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over top-seeded Ivan Lendl Friday in the quarter-finals of the OTB International tournament, reports AP.

The 19-year-old Enqvist, ranked 99th in the world, served three straight aces while leading 5-3 to close out the second set on two more aces to finish off the match. The key game of the contest came when Enqvist broke Lendl's serve to take a 5-4 lead in the final set.

"I served best when I needed it," Enqvist said. "This is my best win ever."

Enqvist's first serves were consistently clocked between 115 mph to 120 mph (185 kph-193 kph).

Lendl, making his first appearance ever in this \$100,000 tournament, had hoped for a victory to revive his sagging fortunes heading into the US Open starting next week. He is seeded 13th.

New Zealand's Brett Steven also ousted a seeded player Friday with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Javier Sanchez of Spain in another quarterfinal match.

"I don't consider it a surprise for me to be in the semifinals tomorrow, because since I beat Pete Sampras in Montreal last month, I feel like I belong here," Steven said.

Australian Rodney Martin, reports AFP.

Defending champion Martin stormed to a 15-14, 15-7, 15-9 over his spirited Pakistani rival to enter Sunday's final where he will meet elder brother Brett Martin.

Brett scored a similar straightforward 15-11, 15-11, 15-11 win over England's Simon Parke in the other semifinal.

It will only be the second time that the brothers will be meeting in a Professional Squash Association sanctioned final — the previous meeting being the 1991 US Open, which Rodney won.

The 24-year-old Jansher aiming for his sixth Hong Kong Open title was clearly outclassed by Rodney, Saturday, in a match that was littered with let-a-laces and penalty strokes.

Jansher, who conceded nine penalty strokes in the match, admitted that he lost to the better player on the day.

"When he is playing well, he can beat anyone. It was his day today," said Jansher, who has remained unbeaten in Hong Kong since his debut in 1987.

World number three Rodney Martin won last year, with Jansher missing the tournament through injury, continued his sparkling form which has move him near to his second successive title in a fortnight.

The winner of last week's Australian Open, Rodney took the initiative with a brave call for set on in the first game after Jansher trailing 11-14 had equalled.

Under pressure, Jansher folded as he hit the tin to give Rodney the psychological advantage. From here on, Jansher's game took on a strangely subdued and lacklustre

look as the Australian smelling victory pilled on the pressure.

Rodney, seeded second in this \$4,000 US dollars tournament, dominated all the way in the second game to take a 2-0 lead.

In the third game, Jansher came out firing rushing to a 9-4 lead. But he suddenly lost his steam as Martin rattled up the next 11 points to enter his second successive Hong Kong Open final.

Fleming, Borg, Lloyd in semis

NEW ALBANY, Ohio, Aug 28: Peter Fleming, Bjorn Borg and John Lloyd advanced to the semifinals of the \$150,000 Big Bear Champions tournament with straight-set victories Friday, reports AP.

Fleming defeated Vitas Gerulaitis 6-3, 6-2; Borg downed Eddie Dibbs 7-6, 6-1; and Lloyd was a 6-3, 6-1 victor over Guillermo Vilas in the inaugural tournament of the Champions Tour for players 35 and older.

Fleming faces Jimmy Connors, who beat Roscoe Tanner on Thursday, and Lloyd plays Borg in Saturday's semifinals.

Connors and Dibbs won a doubles match against Gerulaitis and Dick Stockton 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. They meet Marty Riessen and Tanner in one semifinal Saturday, while Borg and Lloyd will go against Jose Luis Clerc and Ili Nastase in the other.

Connors played nine holes of golf with Jack Nicklaus earlier Friday at the New Albany Country Club. Nicklaus shot a 2-under-par 34, 10 strokes better than Connors.

The finals are Sunday.

Aussies nip Netherlands in Champions Trophy



AMSTERDAM, Aug 28: Australia beat World Cup holders the Netherlands 2-1 in the last match of the round-robin stage of the women's Champions Trophy hockey tournament on Saturday, reports Reuter.

It gave the Australians the psychological edge before the two sides meet in Sunday's final.

Australia won all five of their round-robin matches, while the Netherlands suffered their only defeat in Saturday's match.

The Australians scored in the sixth minute after a mistake by Dutch captain Noor Holsober gave Sally Carbon the simplest of goals.

The Dutch equalised in the 24th minute when Mickette Wouters broke down the right wing and Hanneke Sambers scored with a well placed shot. The decisive Australian goal came three minutes into the second half when Jackie Pereira caught the Dutch off guard with a quick change of attack to present an opening for the unmarked Michelle Andrews.

Australian coach Richard Charlesworth played down his team's victory in an apparent effort to prevent complacency among his players.

"Today's match really didn't matter but we kept the ball, didn't get tired and no one got injured," he said.

South Korea made sure of reaching the bronze medal play-off with a 7-0 trouncing of Olympic gold medalists Spain.

Jang Dong-Sook completed the first hattrick of the tournament with a fierce shot into the roof of the net for South Korea's seventh goal 90 seconds from time.

South Korean captain Ro Young-Mi (2) and Lee Eun-Kyung and Cho Eun-Jung were the other scorers.

Olympic silver medalists Germany won a place in the bronze medal match with a controversial goal by Irina Kuhn 2 minutes from time to snatch a 2-2 draw with Britain, the Olympic bronze medalists.

"It was never a corner and the ball was never stopped at the corner," said British coach Su Slocombe.

"We have been robbed of a 3rd-4th place play-off by an umpiring decision." Germany will play South Korea in the third place match while Britain and Spain will try to avoid the wooden spoon.

ROK, Spain in Intercontinental Cup hockey final

POZNAN, Poland, Aug 28: South Korea and Spain compete in Sunday's final of the Intercontinental Cup hockey tournament here following Friday's semifinal victories, reports AFP.

Hero for South Korea was Young Kyu-Kim who scored the only goal of the match against Argentina.

Muster marks Gisbert down

UMAG, Croatia, Aug 28: No. 1 seed Thomas Muster of Austria beat Juan Gisbert of Spain 6-4, 6-3 Saturday to advance to the semifinals at the \$100,000 Croatian Open tennis tournament, reports AP.

The second seed, Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden, defeated Gabriel Markus of Argentina 6-2, 6-4 and No. 5 Italian Renzo Furlan beat the fourth seed Guillermo Perez Roldan of Argentina 4-6, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3). Austrian Horst Skoff, the No. 3 seed, forfeited his match to Alberto Berasategui of Spain because of stomach problems.

In semifinals later Saturday afternoon, Muster played Furlan and Gustafsson faced Berasategui. Heavy rains, which washed out play Friday, forced organizers to schedule both rounds on the same day.

With his quarter-final victory, Muster has now won eight consecutive matches without losing a set as part of a 13-match winning streak. The Austrian, ranked 12th in the world by the ATP, took the lead at 3-3 in the first set and kept it with good service returns and better play from the line.

Gisbert had some chances in the second set. But failed on two break points at 3-2. Muster saved the first with a smash and then a service winner brought him back to deuce before going on to take the game? Swede Gustafsson, ranked 21th, easily brought to an end a chain of victories for Markus, who came to Umag after winning last week's challenger tournament in Geneva.

Middlesex exfoliate Essex