

Flower is England's thorn

SYDNEY, Dec 15: Grant Flower scored an unbeaten 84 Thursday that steered Zimbabwe to a memorable 13-run victory over England in a World Series limited-overs cricket match at the Sydney Cricket Ground, reports AP.

Flower and David Houghton shared a century-stand as Zimbabwe were bowled out for 205 in 49.3 overs but then dismissed England for 192.

Zimbabwe now have won the only two matches they have played against England — including a World Cup match in Australia three years ago.

The Africans have won only four of their 42 limited-overs internationals but were slicker and more determined than England, who have had a disastrous tour of Australia.

The win was Zimbabwe's first in five World Series games, while England suffered their second loss in three matches and are in danger of missing the final.

Not even Zimbabwe's most famous cricketer, Graeme Hick — who now plays for England — could prevent England's embarrassment despite scoring 64 before he was seventh wicket to fall when he was run out with the score on 179.

Paceman Heath Streak made the vital breakthrough with England at 169-4, removing Alex Stewart for 29 to start an English crash of 23-6.

England suffered three run-outs while Streak, spinner Paul Strang and Mark Dekker took two wickets each.

Flower reached his highest limited-overs score, passing the 63 he made against New Zealand in Harare. He had scored just 63 runs from his previous four innings in the competition.

England's Darren Gough took 5-44, his first five-wicket haul in one-day internationals, as the Africans lost 7-34 in 9.3 overs at the end of their innings.

Houghton was out for 57 after adding 110 with Flower from 145 balls. The Flower-Houghton partnership was Zimbabwe's highest fourth-wicket stand in one-day internationals.

"It's been a great night for us," said Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower, who had predicted before the game that his team would score an upset. "It went right for us from the start, when we won the toss. We always thought 200 might be enough."



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England captain Mike Atherton was both disappointed and angry.

"It was a game we should have won — and we didn't," he said. "We weren't up to scratch and I'm certainly disappointed with the way we are playing."

The World Series tournament will continue in January. Zimbabwe next play a one-day match against Tasmania in Launceston on Saturday, while England play a four-day match against Queensland in Toowoomba from Saturday.

The match will be England's final preparation for the second Test against Australia, which starts Dec 24 in Melbourne.

"We have to get into the right frame of mind for the Test match," Atherton said.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in The World Series

Series Cup one-day cricket match between England and Zimbabwe on Thursday:

ZIMBABWE				
A Flower c Stewart b Fraser	12			
G Flower not out	84			
A Campbell b Gough	23			
G Whittall c Stewart b Gough	0			
D Houghton c Stewart b Gough	57			
M Dekker c DeFreitas b Fraser	5			
G Martin b DeFreitas	7			
P Strang run out	0			
H Streak run out	1			
S Peall c Stewart b Gough	0			
D Brain b Gough	7			
Extras: (7-lb, 1-w, 1-nb)	9			
Total (all out, 49.3 overs):	205			
Fall: 1-24; 2-61; 3-61; 4-171; 5-179; 6-192; 7-192; 8-197; 9-178				

ENGLAND				
Gooch c and b Strang	38			
Atherton c A Flower b Whittall	14			
Hick run out	64			
Thorpe lbw Strang	0			
Crawley lbw Dekker	18			
Stewart b Streak	29			
DeFreitas run out	5			
Gough b Streak	2			
Udal run out	10			
Fraser b Dekker	2			
Tufnell not out	10			
Extras: (5-lb, 5-w)	10			
Total: 192				

Bowling				
DeFreitas	10	2	27	1
Fraser	10	0	45	2
Gough	9.3	0	44	5
Tufnell	10	0	43	0
Udal	8	0	31	0
Hick	2	0	8	0

England				
David Brain	8	1	27	0
Heath Streak	8.1	1	36	2
Guy Whittall	4	1	21	1
Paul Strang	10	2	30	2
Stephen Peall	10	2	29	0
Mark Dekker	9	0	44	2

Zimbabwe won by 13 runs.

STANDINGS

Standings in The World Series one-day cricket tournament after Thursday's match (games, wins, losses, points)

Australia	4	4	0	8
Australia A	4	2	2	4
England	3	1	2	2
Zimbabwe	5	1	4	2

Hatturusinghe to skipper Sri Lanka

Sports Reporter

Test discard Chandrika Hatturusinghe will lead Sri Lanka in the forthcoming SAARC cricket tournament beginning from December 22.

The seventeen members squad including three officials contains a number of familiar faces.

The full contingent: C Hatturusinghe (Captain), D Samaraweera, A Samarasekera, N Nawz, I Saram, M Attapattu, S Jayantha, C Dunusinghe, M Moonasinghe, W Labrooy, M Vislavayaran, R Arnold, U Chandana, J Silvar, S Wettimuny (manager), R Ratnayake (asst. manager), T M Samarasinghe (umpire).

Hosts Bangladesh, India and Pakistan are the other teams in this regional championship which went off the wheels for the first time couple of years back but could not be completed due to the law and order situation sparked off by the demolition of a mosque in India.

Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Bashabo Tarun Sangha and Orient Cricketers Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches played at the different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Bashabo wriggled out a late Kathalbaggan resurgence with a five-run victory.

After winning the toss and electing to use the wicket first, Orient aided by two half centuries rattled up a huge 202 for seven in the stipulated 40 overs.

Opener Kawsar, who top-scored with 56, shared a century partnership with Babul after the non striking opener fell cheaply.

Babul hit a polished 52 with the help of four boundaries and a huge sixer while Humayun, the other notable contributor, chipped in with 19.

Only Barkatullah of the eventual losers who took two wickets for 40 in his seven-over spell, got some sort of success on a placid wicket.

In reply, Kathalbaggan GCC could muster 197 before being all out in 38.2 overs.

Babu made 43 followed by Sadi who scored a 50-ball 31 while Riad hit a run-a-ball 19. But Kathalbaggan got most of their runs from extras which stood out with a staggering collection of 47 runs.

In the other match of the day on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Orient SC recorded a two-wicket win over Khelaghar Shishu Kishore.

Thanks to an allround performance from Shaheen who claimed three wickets to restrict Khelaghar to 198 for eight in the allotted 40 overs and then hit a quickfire 37 not out to steer his side home 201 for eight with eight balls to spare.

However, opener Ritu who scored a patient 68 off 100 balls built the foundation of the Orient innings.

Earlier, sent into bat first, Sumon scored a brilliant 88 as Khelaghar reached a fighting 198 in 40 overs. Shahiduzzaman (33) and Rokon (29) were the other notable run-getters for the losers.



Dutch player Brian Roy (R) leaps over a tackle by Luxembourg's Carlo Weis during European Championship qualifier in Rotterdam on Dec 14. The Netherlands won 5-0. — AFP photo

Germany going great guns

LONDON, Dec 15:

Germany, the former world champions, maintained their 100 per cent record in their qualifying group for the European Championship finals when they won 3-0 in Moldova on Wednesday, report agencies.

Juergen Klinsmann scored one goal and was instrumental in the other two in Germany's win in their Group Seven qualifying match.

Klinsmann crossed high to the far post for Ulf Kirsten to head home Germany's first goal after just six minutes of the match.

The Germans increased their lead after 38 minutes when Klinsmann scored with a 20 metre-shot.

The striker, who had scored 15 goals for Tottenham in England this season, crossed from the right for captain Lothar Matthaus to shoot past Moldovan 'keeper Vassily Koshelev to put Germany 3-0 up after 72 minutes.

Some 20,000 fans crammed into the 18,000-seater Kishinev stadium to see the Germans dominate and return to far better form than they showed in the summer when they surrendered the World Cup.

"I am happy again after a long, long time," said Bertl Vogts, after his 50th game as German coach. "We clearly dominated for long periods. We are moving in the right direction."

Bulgaria, who knocked Germany out of the World Cup and went on to reach the semifinals this summer, also maintained their perfect start alongside the Germans with a comprehensive 3-0 win away to Wales, who were effectively eliminated after losing for the third time in four games.

Two goals in the opening 15 minutes stunned the Welsh team, which included combative midfielder Vinnie Jones for

the first time, and left them with an almost impossible task in attempting to overcome the group leaders.

Once Bulgaria added a third, six minutes into the second half, through Hristo Stoichkov, the World Cup semifinalists were able to cruise to an easy win. After three successive wins, they now lead the group with nine points.

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Said Owairan Asia's best

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 15: Saudi Arabia's World Cup striker Said Owairan was Thursday named as 'Asia's first footballer-of-the-year', reports AFP.

The award was made in Kuala Lumpur at a special ceremony also to mark the Asian Football Confederation's (AFC) 40th anniversary. Two of South Korea's World Cup team also picked up special prizes in what the AFC plans to make an annual event.

Owairan's pace and skill played a key role in launching the 500-1 Saudi outsiders onto the world stage at the USA '94 finals in July. He also scored one of the goals of the competition, dancing past four defenders in 70 yard dash to score the only goal in a shock victory over Belgium.

That win made Saudi Arabia only the second side to reach the second round of a World Cup finals since North Korea in 1966.

"All I kept thinking was whether I had taken the ball too far and whether I should pass it to one of my friends," said Owairan of his memorable goal.

South Korea's Hong Myung Bo, who scored against Germany at the final's named defender-of-the-year. The AFC described Hong, who normally plays sweeper, as 'one of the finest all-round players in Asia'.

Hwang Sun-Hong, who also knocked one in against the Germans, was goalscorer of the year.

Hwang scored 11 goals at the Asian Games tournament including eight against Nepal in South Korea's 11-0 victory.

Chvit Polchivn of Bangkok side Thai Farmers was named coach of the year. Thai Farmers are defending Asian club champions and are already through to the semifinals of this year's contest.

Goalkeeper of the year went to Bahrain's Hamoud Sultan Madhkoor. Madhkoor started out in football as a centre half but has been the Bahrain national side's first choice keeper for 18 years.

Japan won the fair play award.

Zahid propels Kalabagan

Sports Reporter

Pakistani Zahid Ahmed conjured up a brilliant half century and an extremely vital 88-run partnership for the seventh wicket to present Kalabagan Kriya Chakra a desired start in the Navana Premier Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Having failed to live up to the expectations given rise to by their signing of some current and former national cricketers this season with a very early exit from the recently concluded 15th Damal Summer, Kalabagan were poised for yet another ignominious experience yesterday afternoon.

Chasing 194 for an auspicious inaugural of the league campaign Kalabagan, not quite a force to reckon with until last year were tottering at 61 for five at one stage.

Except for opener Athar Ali Khan, all their major batsman including skipper Faruque Ahmed and Zahid Razzak were

gone with the score not even halfway through to the target.

Athar, the tall experienced batsman who switched to Kalabagan from Mohammedans in the wake of some newsy transfers, triggered off by the lure of cash couple of months ago, scored a dour 46 off 99 balls before being caught and bowled by Rais.

From 108 for six Zahid dead — lifted Kalabagan with some splendid exhibition of attacking batsmanship. He was well supported by Golam Faruque Chowdhury, a former national cricketer and a genuine veteran.

Zahid, the left-handed all-rounder who had earlier bowled beautifully in the GMCC innings, remained unconquered on 68 made from 56 balls including nine powerful hits to the fence.

Together with Golam Faruque who too remind undefeated on a 42-ball 45 featuring five boundaries, Zahid added 88 priceless runs for the seventh wicket as Kalabagan snatched a four wicket victory

from the jaws of defeat posting 196 for six in 42.2 overs.

National cricketer Mizanur Rahman, one of Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club's new-ball pair, took two for 32.

His fellow Bangladeshi international left arm spinner Ibne Shaheed had a haul of two for 37.

Earlier, in the morning, GMCC after being sent into bat first, collected 193 for eight largely due to half centuries from Tushra Koddikara and Rafiqul Hassan.

Koddikara, GMCC's Sri Lankan opener was run out for a well made 72 garnered off 100 balls and aided by nine fours and a sixer.

Young Rafiq also led his foreign peer's way scoring exactly 50 off 93 balls with three boundaries.

Spinners Zahid and Saidul bowled tightly to undermine GMCC's progress. The former in fact was the stingiest of all Kalabagan bowlers giving away only 24 runs for Rais' wicket whom he bowled for 30.

Said's one cost him 31 runs also from the full quota of nine overs.

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Compared to Kalabagan Damal semifinalists Brothers Union had a delightful outing in their Navana opener at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Brothers' strong pace attack spearheaded by young Sajal Chowdhury dismissed Gulshan Youth for 85 only in 38 overs to register a huge 125-run victory for the Gopibad side which had earlier piled 210 for eight after being asked to make the first use of the wickets.

Sajal who along with teammate Naimur Rashid had enjoyed the tutelage of the great Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee at the MRF pace foundation earlier this year, clean bowled Gulshan's Indian pair, Test veteran Ashok Malhotra and Arun Lal for nought.

Khairuzzaman, Sajal's new ball partner who had earlier slogged a useful 23 off as many balls, picked up two for 14 while slow left-armed Saifullah did some cheap shopping, his two costing just nine runs.

Earlier Brothers made light work of splendid bowling statistics of Gulshan bowlers Naifs and Zia as Pakistani Abid Hanif hammered 62 off 107 balls hitting five fours and a sixer.

There will be no Navana league matches today on account of the Victory Day. Leagues will resume tomorrow with Surja Tarun playing War at the Dhanmondi cricket stadium and champions Abahani taking on Bales Eskat at the Dhaka stadium.

Chetan Sharma, Victoria Sporting Club's Indian cricketer has been suspended for one match for his unseemly behaviour during the Navana Premier Division cricket league tie against Mohammedan Sporting Club December 13.

Racing rope in Maradona

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 15:

Diego Maradona, who quit as coach of struggling Argentine soccer club Mandiyu last week, said on Wednesday he had agreed to take over as coach at Racing Club of Buenos Aires, reports Reuters.

The former World Cup star, whose playing career has been punctuated by controversies, revealed his plans in an interview with a local radio station from Mexico where he is taking part in a tournament.

"We are very happy. Racing Club president Juan Destefano accepted our offer and all we need to do now is go to Buenos Aires and sign the contract," he said.

Racing Club is one of the traditional giants of Argentine soccer but has failed to win a championship for 28 years. In recent seasons, they have finished in the bottom half of the league table.

Racing's offer came despite Maradona's lack of success in first coaching job with Mandiyu where the team won only

one of 12 matches played under his control.

Destefano said: "A great season by a team directed by Maradona would spark a great membership following for Racing."

The news that Maradona is poised to join Racing ended speculation that he may join Boca Juniors.

The Boca job was left vacant on Monday when Cesar Luis Menotti quit following a disastrous campaign capped by a 3-0 defeat by league leaders River Plate.

Maradona's move to Racing could be accompanied by more controversy.

Last Friday, a prosecutor said he had asked a judge to jail Maradona for four years for shooting and lightly wounding four journalists with an air rifle in February.

Maradona, who denies the charges, was photographed crouched behind a Mercedes outside his country home aiming a gun at the camera.

Meanwhile AP adds, Diego Maradona returned to the playing field for the first time since being banned at the World Cup, scoring two goals for an Argentine select team in an indoor tournament Wednesday night.

Maradona's squad defeated Switzerland 6-3 on the opening day of the four-day intercontinental Indoor Soccer tournament.

Maradona was able to play because the tournament is sanctioned by the Federation International de Futbol Rapido (FFRA), or the International Fast Soccer Federation, which

is not affiliated with FIFA.

FIFA, which banned Maradona for 15 months after failing a drug test at the World Cup in June, filed a protest against Maradona's participation. However, Maradona ignored the protest and played anyway, according to Dan Courtemanche, a spokesman for the US-based Continental Indoor Soccer League (CISL) in Los Angeles.

The four-day tournament is an eight-team event featuring teams from Mexico, Brazil, Portugal, El Salvador, Iran, Switzerland and the United States.

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Waugh is considered certain to play in the second Test against England, which starts in Melbourne on Dec 24.

S Waugh to seek medical advice

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