

## Old Trafford Test begins today

## England running a risk



**LONDON, July 26:** England's chances of squaring their series against West Indies in the fourth Test starting at Old Trafford on Thursday have scarcely been helped by yet another example of muddled selection policies reported agencies.

Down 2-1 in the six Test series, England have recalled 42-year-old off-spinner John Emburey, chosen opener Nick Knight to make his debut against the world's fastest

wicketkeeper Jack Russell, who has been in prime form with the bat this season for Gloucestershire, having last represented England against the West Indies in Antigua 15 months ago, slots comfortably into the selection conundrum by taking over Alec Stewart's duties behind the stumps.

England are already without Alec Stewart, Jason Galian, Richard Illingworth and Peter Martin for the fourth Test.

The first three all have hand injuries while Martin is sidelined because of torn ankle ligaments.

However, fast bowler Darren Gough was declared fit Wednesday, for the fourth Test.

Gough was taken to a hospital Tuesday for a bone scan on the left foot he broke during last winter's Ashes tour. But he came through a workout Wednesday morning.

"Darren is available for selection," England captain Mike Atherton said. "He's just gone through a rigorous routine, bowling for 30 minutes in the middle and 40 minutes in the nets and he said he felt fine."

"Darren has had an X-ray and a scan, and both of those are clear. It wouldn't be a gamble to play him."

Even though Gough is fit, there is no guarantee that he will make the final eleven.

Overall, however, the selection of three potential off-spinners in the squad — Hick, Emburey and Lancashire's Mike Watkins — would suggest that the England selectors are expecting a wicket which will turn on the last two days.

Cynics will, however, point the fickle finger of fate back to selecting a side on the basis of how the wicket may play. And even England's selectors have memories long enough to recall the debacle at Edgbaston two weeks ago.

Illingworth will reserve final selection until the pitch has been studied, and if, as previously this season, the wicket plays to form, it will have "a bit of pace, consistent bounce and a bit of turn." Effectively, a bit of everything, which mirrors the England squad.

Robin Smith, given his buoyant mood and current form, is likely to drop to his favoured position at three,

while Graeme Hick's double failure at Edgbaston — a pair of threes and the resurfacing of the debate concerning his technical ability to deal effectively with genuine hostile pace — is likely to see him move down to five in the order.

With a rested Richie Richardson returning on Thursday, the West Indies main concern will be the apparent loss-of-form of Brian Lara, whose prolific touch seems to have temporarily diminished, and a



**RICHIE RICHARDSON** finger injury sustained by Sherwin Campbell, whose fabulous tour has been a revelation.

Since the Edgbaston Test, Lara has bagged the first pair of his first-class career against Kent, and looked bemused at Lord's on Monday against the bowling of Middlesex off-spinner Paul Weekes, who finally had him stumped for 17.

Despite sitting out the second innings against Middlesex, Sherwin Campbell's place in the fourth Test at Old Trafford is not thought to be in doubt.

The West Indians' one change may be to include Vasbert Drakes as the fourth fast bowler in place of Kenny Benjamin after impressive performances against Kent and Middlesex.

Certainly, the West Indies from outside the Test arena has been unpredictable, but come Thursday, England must claw their way back into this series with a gritty showing. Judging by the recall of the likes of Emburey and Russell, gritty is what England will get.

## Holding furious!

**MANCHESTER, July 26:** West Indies fast bowling legend Michael Holding has criticised John Emburey's recall to the Test arena, calling it "a backward step into the dark ages for English cricket," reports AFP.

Holding, speaking in Today newspaper, is critical of England's supreme Ray Illingworth for recalling veteran spinner Emburey for the fourth Test between England and the West Indies which starts here on Thursday.

"How can Ray Illingworth talk about building a team for the future when his main weapon for beating the West Indies at Old Trafford is nearly 43 years old?" Holding is reported as saying.

"You would have thought the penny would have dropped after taking Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting to Australia last winter, which proved a big mistake."

Holding, a lethal pace bowler at his peak, recalls similar selection decisions in the past and said: "Every time West Indies tour this country England fall into the same, short-sighted trap."

"In 1976 at Manchester they picked Brian Close and John Edrich — combined age 84 — and lost by the small-matter of 425 runs."

The England of 1995 are 2-1 down in the current six-Test series and desperate for a win at Old Trafford to restore morale. But Holding insists that picking Emburey is the wrong move.

"I don't want to chastise John because he's having a fine season. But even if he proves to be England's match-winner, do they keep him in the side for the rest of the summer? Take him to South Africa this winter? Play him in the World Cup?"

"What is it about English logic that makes them do these things? No other Test country in the world is so introspective in its outlook."

## Lotus-Kamal cricket

Siddeshwari Sporting Club emerged group champions to reach the final phase of the Lotus-Kamal Second Division cricket league qualifier yesterday, reports UNB.

Group H champions Siddeshwari SC booked the last seat in the eight-team knock out basis final round which will begin on Friday.

Earlier, seven teams — Indira Road KC, Stamford CC, Lalkhuti CC, Peererbagh KC, Lancashire CS, Ward Number Four CC and Udayachal Club — clinched the group titles to reach the final phase.

In the day's match, Siddeshwari SC beat Shahidbagh CC by five wickets at the Jagannath Hall ground.

In the day's other match, Media Cricket Coaching Centre defeated Poolpar Youth Club by seven wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

## Gifford quits

**LONDON, July 26:** Former England left-arm spinner Norman Gifford has resigned as cricket manager of Sussex after seven years in the post, reports Reuter.

Sussex are currently at the bottom of the country championship after seven consecutive matches without a victory.

## Muster pulls out

**AMSTERDAM, July 26:** A foot injury forced Austria's Thomas Muster to withdraw from the Dutch Open tennis tournament on Tuesday after winning his first round match, a tournament spokesman said, reports Reuter.

A doctor's medical report showed the French Open champion and top seed had developed a cyst between bones in his right foot.

## Four Sino athletes banned

**BEIJING, July 26:** Four Chinese track and field athletes have been banned from competition after positive dope tests, a spokesman for the track and field division of the State Physical Culture and Sports Commission said today, reports Reuter.

The spokesman said Zhang Taibing and Zuo Xingxia had been banned for four years while Lu Jing and Liu Jiansong faced three-month bans.

"I regret that all the cases testing positive involved track and field athletes. We actually had tougher regulations than any other sport, but the test results were quite unfortunate for us," the spokesman said.

In 1994, 31 Chinese athletes tested positive around the world for banned performance-enhancing drugs, up from 24 in 1993, sparking worldwide outrage and calls for China to be banned from international meets.

## WIMBLEDON NOTEBOOK

## The turbulent Tarangos

Tawfiq Aziz Khan back from Wimbledon

LIKE all interesting festivals, Wimbledon was not without the villain, or shall we say, a vamp of the piece.

The two-week long tennis festival, which normally passes off rather quietly, except the on court thrills and excitement of an upset result or a long-drawn match like the Becker-Pioleone.

Tarango walked off the court during the second set. He also shouted "Shut up" to the crowd which was against the code of conduct of a player. Umpire Rebeuh reported that after Tarango shouted at the crowd, Tarango had a discussion with the supervisor and said to the umpire, "You are the most corrupt official I have ever seen."

in default — \$ 5,000, c) For unsportsmanlike conduct, shouting 'shut up' to the crowd — \$ 500. "This is the highest fine ever imposed for on court offences at the championships. The previous highest was to John McEnroe in 1991 — \$10,000 for verbal abuse." But McEnroe must have forgotten it when he strongly condemned Tarango



A partial view of the Wimbledon umpires' office.— Star photo by Tawfiq Aziz Khan

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The referee's office issued a statement immediately after the incident defaulting Tarango from his Singles as well as Mixed Doubles matches. It was also written in the statement that his post-match comments will also be investigated into in

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In the post match interview Benedicte Tarango, 30-year-old dark haired wife of 26-year-old American, when asked whether she slapped the umpire, replied emphatically. She said, "Yes I do, and I'm not — and I don't think it's bad. I think it's good, because this guy deserve a lesson at some point. He can do whatever he want, because he's on the chair. It's just not fair... (verbatim)."

The incident created a furore. No one in his senses can imagine such a sacrilege of the sacred laws of the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club.



MRS TARANGO

due course. On 3 July 1995 a 13-page statement from the referee's office said that Jeff Tarango will be subject to the following fines: a) For verbal abuse to the Chairumpire — \$ 10,000, b) For failing to complete the match resulting

## Rusedski booted off court Bruguera, Edberg win

**MONTREAL, July 26:** Spain's Sergi Bruguera and Sweden's Stefan Edberg won

their firstround matches at the 1.795 million dollars Canadian Open on Tuesday, but it was a 50th-ranked loser who really got the crowd's attention, reports Reuter.

Greg Rusedski had a ball thrown at him and was constantly booed throughout his 7-6 (7-2), 6-3, loss to 91st-ranked Michael Joyce of the United States.

Rusedski, a Montreal native, committed the crime in the eyes of the partisan crowd of recently rejecting his Canadian citizenship to become a British subject.

As Rusedski walked off the court, the crowd in one of the strongest reactions to

a tennis player in recent memory, serenaded him with the refrain from an old song: "Hey, hey, hey, na, na, na, na, wave goodbye."

In what became the subplot to the night, the 15th-ranked Edberg was listless during the first set, but found his form for a 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory over 208th-ranked Albert Chang of Canada. The 10th-ranked Bruguera struggled for a 6-1, 6-7 (2/7), 6-4 win over 97th-ranked Cristiano Caratti of Italy.

All of the top eight seeds, led by Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras, received first-round byes.

Edberg has now won 751 career matches, which is more than any active player on Tour. The Swede said he doesn't pay much attention to those milestones, but that sometimes,



The little nutants, who are now undergoing training at the Mosharraf Swimming Centre adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium, enthusiastically display their new-found talent. The picture was taken yesterday. — Star photo

## Asian women's basketball

**SHIZUOKA, Japan, July 26:** South Korea remained unbeaten while defending champions China came from behind to beat Japan on the third day of the Asian women's basketball championships today, reports AFP.

South Korea, who shocked China 87-79 Tuesday in a repeat of their Asian Games clash last year, broke past Taiwan 87-79 after a slim 50-49 point lead at halftime for their third straight victory in Group A.

China, the World Championship silver medalists, fought back from a 41-42 halftime deficit to beat Japan 80-70, putting the two sides level with two wins and one loss each in the league vying for three Olympic berths for Asia.

Kirghizstan crushed Kazakhstan 76-68 with a 46-35 halftime lead in a Group A match featuring newcomers to the region from former Soviet Central Asian Republics.

In Group B, Malaysia beat Indonesia 50-49, Hong Kong trounced Jordan 65-45 and Thailand stopped the Philippines 69-55.

Thailand had three straight wins, followed by Hong Kong, the Philippines and Malaysia each with two wins and one loss.

## US awaits new Dream Team

**NEW YORK, July 26:** The next US Olympic basketball "Dream Team" will be revealed on Sunday, when 10 National Basketball Association (NBA) stars are named to the squad that will compete in Atlanta, reports AFP.

US Olympic coach Lenny Wilkens, the "winningest" coach in NBA history, will join selection committee chairman Rod Thorn of the NBA in making the announcements.

The squad has a gold-medal tradition to match. Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Patrick Ewing, Charles Barkley and Magic Johnson led the 1992 US team to a gold medal at Barcelona. All of those players are eligible for the 1996 roster as well.

Also up for consideration are a host of younger NBA players, many of whom shined last year in leading "Dream Team II" to a title at the World Championships in Toronto.

## O'Sullivan breaks the barrier

## Morceli just '16 sec late

**MONACO, July 26:** Algerian running machine Noureddine Morceli came within a fraction of a second of breaking his third world mark of the month on a night of spectacular athletics action in Monaco, reports Reuter.

Morceli clocked three minutes 27.52 seconds to win the 1,500 metres, only 0.15 of a second outside the record he set just 25 km along the French Riviera in Nice on July 12.

His was the most outstanding performance at a meeting which produced six world best times of the year as the top track names limbered up at the last Grand Prix before next month's World Championships in Sweden.

Morceli, who also broke the world 2,000 metres record in Paris on July 3, nearly saw one of his other records removed from the books by Kenyan Moses Kiptanui.

Kiptanui, who broke the world 5,000 metres this year and set the fastest 3,000 metres steeplechase time of the season, ran the 3,000 metres flat in 7:27.18.

He was just over two seconds outside the record set, ironically enough, by Morceli at the same meeting last year. American sprinter Gwen Torrence became the first woman to break the 22-second barrier this season when she won the 200 metres in 21.81.

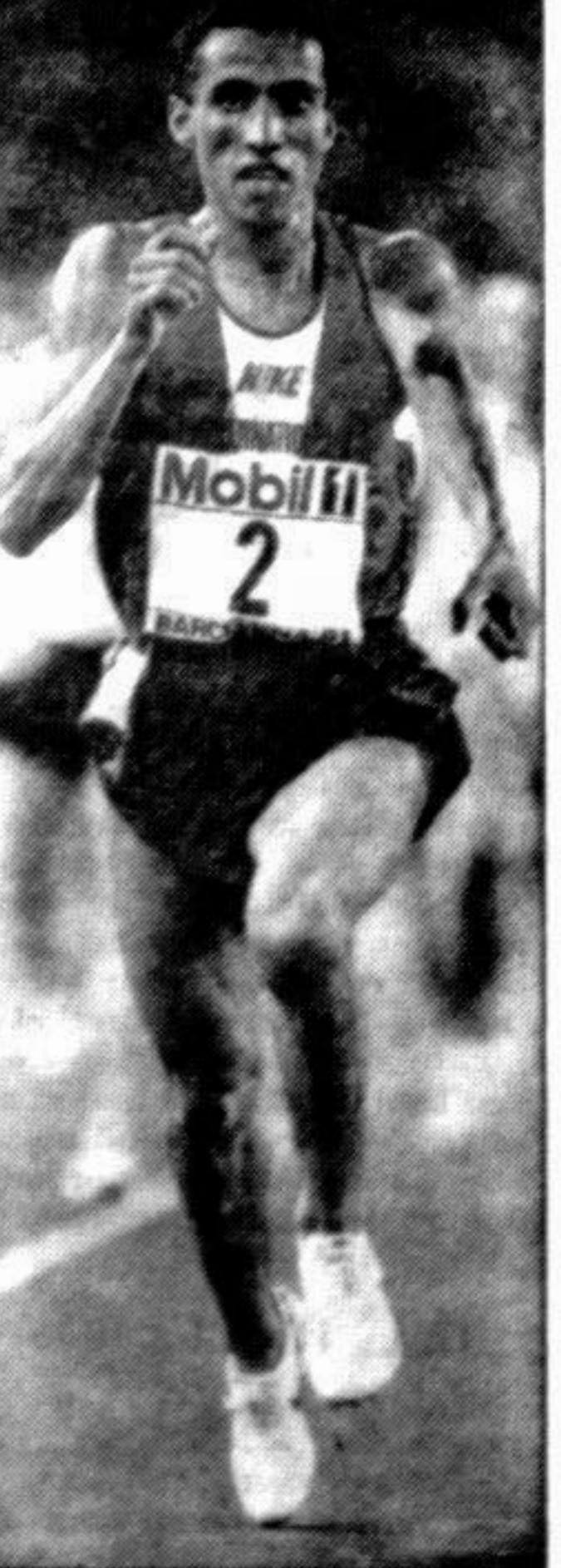
She had the extra satisfaction of beating her main rivals in Gothenburg, Russian Irina Privalova who was second in 21.87 and Jamaican Merlene Ottey, third in 22.13.

"I came here better prepared than I have been all year," said Torrence. "Hopefully, I'll keep it that way and win in Sweden too."

Irish runner Sonia O'Sullivan also ducked under another important psychological barrier when she became the first woman to break four minutes in the 1,500 metres this season.

She was clocked in 3:58.85 an Irish record, finishing almost three seconds ahead of Jamaican Yvonne Graham.

Both the men's and



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Mozambique's world champion Maria Mutola was predictably the best in the women's 800 metres, which she won in 1:57.40 but she was pushed hard by Olympic bronze medalist Ana Fidelia Quirot of Cuba, who was second in 1:57.69.

Quirot was competing at top level for the first time since suffering horrific burns in a domestic accident in January 1993.

"It's the best performance of my life, considering I've been out for two years," she

## Office of the Chief Engineer Project-IV BWDB, Alamnagar, Rangpur, International Tender Notice No. 01/1995-96 Notice Inviting Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh entered into an agreement with the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) for a loan to assist the former in financing part of the local and foreign currency cost of Teesta Barrage Project for Agricultural Development. It is intended that the proceeds of the loan will be utilised for payment under the contract for which this invitation to Bid is issued. The terms and conditions of the contract and payment thereof will be subject in all respects to the terms & conditions of the said loan agreement. Sealed Bids are invited from the Bidders for supply of 12" (306 mm) cutter Suction Dredger of dismantable, transportable, multipointon non self propelled type with piper & floaters and work boat multipointon, dismantable, transportable & self propelled type for Teesta Barrage Project under SFD Loan No. 8/221 during the year 1995-1996.

2. Bids will be received in the office of the undersigned, Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O & M Circle, BWDB, Rupali Sadan, 156/157, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 and Executive Engineer, Teesta Mechanical Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari up to 12.00 Noon on 15-10-95 and will be opened at 12.30 PM on the same day in presence of the Bidders who will remain present.

3. Bid documents consisting of notice inviting Bid, instruction to tenderers, general conditions, technical specification etc. will be available in Rupali Bank Railway Crossing Branch, Station Road, Alamnagar, Rangpur and Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, WAPDA Building, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka -1000 on payment of Tk 3000/- (Three thousand) only (non-refundable) or the equivalent of US \$ 75 (Seventy five) only (non-refundable) per set (1 set consisting of 4 copies of Tender) up to 14-10-95 during office/Bank hours. Additional sets of Bid documents may be purchased at the same price per set.

4. In submitting Bid, the Bidder shall have to sign on all pages of the Bid document.

5. The rates are to be quoted in figure as well as in words against each item of attached Bid schedule.

6. In quoting rates there shall not be any over writing or any manipulation or erasing. The rates should be quoted clearly in ink and in case of any cancellation it should be done by drawing single line over the cancellation portion with dated signature.

7. In order to secure compliance by the Bidder of the undertaking given by him, the "ORIGINAL TENDER" shall be accompanied by Bid Bond equivalent to 1% (one per cent) of quoted amount. Such Bid Bond shall be in the form of Bank Draft/Call Deposit from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Deputy Director, Regional Account Centre (RAC), BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari.

8. The successful Bidder shall have to execute a formal Bid in quadruplicate before issuing work order.

9. The Bid which does not fulfil any of the above conditions or incomplete in any respect with liable to rejection.

10. Acceptance of Bid will rest upon the competent authority who does not bind himself to accept the lowest Bid and reserve the right to reject any or all the Bids received without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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