

Column One

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SPORTS TALK



Vinod Kambl (Indian Test cricketer) No doubt I am disappointed now...

Army basketball

RANGPUR, Mar 9: Four more robin league matches of the Bangladesh Army basketball championship were decided at the Rangpur Cantonment here this morning, reports BSS.

Lankans in Doull stew



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DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Mar 9: Simon Doull took his third five-wicket haul in Tests as New Zealand left Sri Lanka in desperate straits in the first Test here today, report agencies.

TILLEKERATNE... 55 n.o. Sri Lanka were dismissed for 222 in their first innings and were forced to follow on.

Sri Lanka resumed at 78 for four, but showed none of the form or flair that has made them a world force in cricket.

Roshan Mahanama and the experienced Arjuna Ranatunga. Hashan Tillekeratne top-scored for Sri Lanka with an unbeaten 55 and his teammates on Monday will have to exhibit the patience which was a feature of Tillekeratne's innings.

Sri Lanka started their second innings immediately after the tea break but was forced from the ground after 9.4 hours because of poor light. Torrential rain then struck the ground to rule out any more play Sunday.

Wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana hit out boldly to score 43 and take the Sri Lankan total through to 135 before he was out in bizarre circumstances.

He leaned forward to defend a delivery from off-spinner Dipak Patel and the ball became jammed between the gloves and the top flap of his front pad.

Kaluwitharana remained stationary for several seconds and Stephen Fleming, fielding in close, rushed in and grabbed the ball before it fell to the ground.

Umpire Robinson adjudged Kaluwitharana out caught by Fleming.

The third wicket to fall in the morning session was Chaminda Vaas, who drove Patel to mid on where Matt Horne accepted a comfortable catch.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the third day of the first cricket Test between New Zealand and Sri Lanka on Sunday.

Scoreboard table with columns for Team, Runs, Wickets, Extras, and Bowlers.

WC soccer qualifier Thailand beat HK

BANGKOK, Mar 9: Thailand kept alive hopes of qualifying for the 1998 World Cup with a 2-0 victory Sunday over Hong Kong on goals by Kritsada Pliandit and Natpong Sritong-in, reports AP.

Under pressure following last week's 3-1 home loss to South Korea, Thailand attacked constantly Sunday and never allowed Hong Kong to put together a sustained series of attacks.

Defeat left Hong Kong, who lost to South Korea 2-0 last month, with no chance of topping the Asian qualifying Group Six.

Both sides played aggressively for the full 90 minutes, but the Thais created more scoring opportunities and percentages were on their side.

After 20 minutes of missed chances by each squad, Kritsada edged past the Hong Kong screen and put Thailand ahead 1-0 with a 12-metre shot over the head of diving keeper Kevin Lok.

Hong Kong's Timothy Bredbury failed to equalise on a free kick just before halftime.

The Thais continued pressing in the second half and added their second goal in the 78th minute when a neat chip from the right side of the box found Natpong's head.

Hong Kong get a rematch at home March 30. The South Koreans are favoured in home encounters against Hong Kong on May 28 and Thailand on June 1.

NAGOYA, Japan, Mar 9: Madina Biktagirova of Belarus, surging ahead in the last 400 metres, won the Nagoya International Women's Marathon Sunday, edging Japan's Hiromi Suzuki by six seconds, reports AP.

The 32-year-old Biktagirova, winner of the 1992 Los Angeles Marathon, finished the 42.195 kilometre (26 miles, 385 yards) through the streets of Nagoya in central Japan in 2 hours, 29 minutes 30 seconds.

Japanese runners took the next eight places, with Suzuki second in 2:29:36 and Takako Tobise third in 2:29:37.

Poland's Aneta Nikiel took the early lead, but a group led by Biktagirova caught her at 32 kilometres (19 miles). Nikiel later dropped out of the race.

Biktagirova and Suzuki took the lead after 41 kilometers (24.6 miles) and ran shoulder-to-shoulder entering the stadium where the race ended.

Biktagirova went ahead in the last 400 metres around the stadium track.

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Greece's double delight

PARIS, Mar 9: Ekaterina Kofia emulated her compatriot Haralambos Paradias by winning a world sprint title on Saturday at the end of an emotional week for Greece, reports Reuters.

Kofia, running from lane six, edged out Jamaica's 1992 Olympic silver medalist Juliet Cuthbert by one-hundredth of a second in the women's 200 metres final on the second day of the World Indoor Athletic Championships.

It was the narrowest victory margin so far in the three-day championships and allowed Kofia to take her place on top of the victory podium the day after Paradias had won the men's 60 metres title.

Greek team members, already delighted by the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) decision on Friday to put Athens on a shortlist of five candidates to stage the 2004 Games, celebrated noisily, draping Kofia in a Greek flag.

In five previous championships, Greece have gathered just one silver medal. "The feeling is unbelievable," said Kofia.

"I don't think it's difficult to understand, it's the best feeling." The sixth lane was the key to my victory, I think it's the best lane.

The men's 200 final went to American Kevin Little, also running from lane six. Little, who has won two World Indoor bronze medals, said: "I think I just proved my worth today. I was fortunate to draw lane six."

Trinidad's Ato Boldon, favourite for the title, pulled up suddenly in the final straight and crumpled to the track. His coach John Smith jumped down from the stands and watched anxiously as Boldon was carried from the track on a stretcher.

Boldon was later taken to hospital but Smith did not appear too worried. "Ato felt a contraction at the bottom of his left hamstring at the end of the curve," Smith said. "I don't think that it's important, after two weeks he's going to recover."

Little, who clocked 20.40 seconds, said he had not been surprised by the result. Second-placed Cuban Ivan Garcia was initially disqualified for running out of lane but was reinstated after the track referee examined a video recording and decided the infraction had been committed by Boldon.

Moroccan Hicham el Guerrouj ran away with the men's 1,500, although his time of three minutes 35.31 seconds was well outside his own world record of 3:31.18 set early last month.

German Ridger Stenzel was well back in second place ahead of Kenya's 1992 Olympic 800 champion William Tanui. Inna Lasovskaya of Russia took the women's triple jump with a leap of 15.01 metres, only two centimeters outside the world record.

The women's 3,000 metres, the final track event of the evening, was won in a thrilling sprint finish by Romania's defending champion Gabriela Szabo who overhauled Irishwoman Sonia O'Sullivan over the final metres to win in 8:45.75.

Cuban Ivan Pedroso, whose season last year was disrupted by injury, won the men's long jump title while Olympic and world champion Stelka Kostadinova showed her competitive steel by winning a tense women's high jump final.

Kostadinova leaped a year's best of 2.02 then made three unsuccessful attempts on the world record of 2.07.



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A kid honeymooning with fame

By Hasan Masood

Cricketeer Shahid Khan Afridi needs no introduction. He has already carved a niche in the record books with his destructive batsmanship having notched the fastest one-day hundred off just 37 deliveries against Sri Lanka in Kenya last November.

Born in Pakistan's north west provincial city of Peshawar in 1980, the well-built pathan lad was brought up in Karachi and had lessons both in the game and fame from this port city. The tall soft-spoken hard hitter, also known for his effective, fastish leg-break bowling is now in Bangladesh as a member of the touring Karachi Electric Supply Corporation cricket team which has come to play some friendly matches in Bangladesh as a part of hosts' preparation for the ICC Trophy.

The Daily Star correspondent Hasan Masood recently engaged this exciting cricketer into a cordial conversation. Following are the excerpts of the chat:

DS: What brought you to cricket? Afridi: I was a sportsman from my boyhood. It was while watching Imran Khan in action that I felt drawn to the game.

DS: You were included in the Pakistan side as a leg spinner. Why did you choose to bowl leg spin? Afridi: Well, initially I used to bowl fast. But the great Abdul Qadir inspired me to switch to leg spin.

DS: So, Qadir is your model? Afridi: To be honest, I like the way in which the bowlers in India bowl. I like his combination of pace and spin. That's why I follow him nowadays.

DS: As a bowler how do you appreciate your world record in batting that too as the quickest century maker in the instant version of the game? Afridi: Well, it was great to have the record under the belt. I was not prepared for anything of that nature at that time. But since it came my way, I enjoyed everything that it brought along. Now that I have done it I want to better the record, everybody expects me to do that. That's why they come to see my batting these days.

DS: Has it brought any change to your life-style? Afridi: A lot. Because now I can't do what as a seventeen year old I was supposed to do. I can't gossip with my friends at the street corners because people take instant note and rush to me. Moreover, my batting record also keeps me under huge pressure of always doing well with the bat.

DS: How did you feel after hammering the 37-ball ton against Sri Lanka last year in Kenya? Afridi: I was not ready for that. It came naturally and I am quite happy to make the record against Sri Lanka and in particular against the bowling of Sanath Jayasuriya because he is the man whom I succeeded with that hundred.

DS: Now what is your future plan? Afridi: To play for Pakistan as an all-rounder as long as possible. My batting and bowling both are great these days. So long it continues and Allah permits, I want to be in the side. Moreover, I am yet to play a Test for my country. That is one prospect I am really looking forward to.

DS: If you are given a choice between one-day and Test, which version will you prefer? Afridi: I have not played any Test yet. Well, one-day match suits the requirement of a modern cricketer fan because one-day advantage of this opportunity." The committee was formed in response to a report from ICC chief executive David Richards, who argued last year that the other sports and leisure activities for media, sponsorship and participant support," the report said.

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Monday 10th March

Table listing TV and radio programmes for Monday 10th March, including BBC, BTB, and Channel V.

STAR SPORTS

Table listing sports events and programmes for Monday 10th March, including PGA Tour, NBA, and various sports news.

STAR MOVIES

Table listing movie programmes for Monday 10th March, including 'The Man Who Knew Too Much', 'The Godfather', etc.

ZEE TV

Table listing ZEE TV programmes for Monday 10th March, including '6:00am News', '7:00am News', etc.

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