

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Courtney Walsh

"I would like to beat the record but it will only mean anything if I can help West Indies to victory."

On the possibility of breaking Malcolm Marshall's West Indies record of 276 Test wickets.

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1	Which Kiwi batsman scored the only ODI century against Pakistan?	Cairns	Asle	Crowe
2	Which is the highest ODI individual score?	194	189	198
3	How many ODI centuries has Azharuddin hit?	3	4	5
4	Who scored the only half-century for Bangladesh in the Independence Cup?	Amitul	Akram	Mahmud
5	Who is leading Bangladesh in the World Youth Cup cricket in South Africa?	Sabbir	Al-Sharif	Sajal

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CORRECT ANSWERS

1. Who is the Australia cricket coach? Ans. Marsh.
2. Who is the Argentina soccer coach? Ans. Passarella.
3. Which county will Lara lead next year? Ans. Warwickshire.
4. Who hit the first century in this year's Premier Division cricket league? Ans. Nadim.
5. Who lifted the women's singles title of the national TT championships? Ans. Linu.

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Serena, Patrick ousted

SYDNEY, Jan 16 (Reuters): Tim Henman, the rising star of British tennis at last year's Australian Open, returned to the ascendancy with an upset win over Pat Rafter today in a warm-up event for the year's first Grand Slam.

With a confident display around the court, Henman defeated the Australian world number two 7-6, 7-5 to book a place in Saturday's Sydney International final, which he won last year.

Henman, world number 19, will face unseeded Slovak Karol Kucera, who overpowered inform Australian Michael Tebbutt 4-6, 7-6, 6-0 in the other semifinal.

In the women's draw, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario dashed hopes America's Williams sisters would meet in an unpreceded tour final when she blew away Serena Williams.

The Spaniard, world ranked number nine and seeded fifth in Sydney, took under an hour to wrap up a 6-2, 6-1 win against the American.

The victory left her facing Serena's 17-year-old sister, Venus, in Saturday's final. Venus beat Japan's Ai Sugiyama 6-1, 7-6.

Serena, playing only her third pro-tournament, had hoped to reach the final against her older sister, Venus, 17.

Zimbabwe take control



COLOMBO, Jan 16: Zimbabwe's cricketers continued to call the shots against host country Sri Lanka finishing the third day's play of the second and final Test with a lead of 267 runs and four second innings wickets in hand at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo on Friday, reports AP.

For once in the series the Zimbabweans never allowed the Sri Lankan spinners to dictate terms as they kept increasing a 50-run overnight lead with crucial partnerships to take lunch at 108 for three, tea at 179 for five and reach an imposing 241 for six by the close.

Opener Grant Flower (52) and Murray Goodwin (39) took the initiative in leading the way for Zimbabwe with a third wicket stand of 70 runs in the morning session after night watchman Andrew Whittall fell in the second over of the day caught at short extra-cover against the bowling of spinner Arindra de Silva.

Their stand was broken when left-arm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya uprooted the leg stump of Goodwin who missed the ball in a sweep attempt an over before the lunch break.

Flower had the fortune of surviving a dropped catch by Jayasuriya at point off De Sil-

va's bowling with his score on 14 early in the day, but settled in to play a responsible innings before being bowled by Jayasuriya.

Umpire Saleem Badar from Pakistan had to seek the assistance of a replay before ruling Flower out after the delivery brushed aside a ball.

Zimbabwe lost the wicket of Guy Whittall for 17 caught by substitute close-in fielder Mahela Jayawardena off Muttiah Muralitharan. But any chance the Sri Lankans thought they had was thwarted when skipper Alistair Campbell (37) joined Andrew Flower to take the total from 129 for five to 204 before parting company in the final session of play.

Their alliance was terminated when recalled spinner Don Anurasiri had Campbell playing a reverse sweep only to edge the ball for wicketkeeper Roshan Kaluwitharana to take a simple catch.

But Flower batted the best for his side defying the bowlers for 228 minutes on a somewhat turning wicket to make his second half century in the series, 241.

The left hander's delightful shots included a towering six against Anurasiri that crashed into the stand over mid-wicket. His knock was also spiced with five fours.

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ner Craig Wishart (14) stretched Zimbabwe's lead further with an unbroken stand of 37 runs in 72 minutes of batting.

Wishart, for once in the series played soundly to give his partner vital support.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second and final Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on Friday:

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

251

SRI LANKA: First Innings

225

ZIMBABWE: Second Innings

(overnight 24 for one)

Rennie c Kaluwitharana b Aravinda 12

Flower b Jayasuriya 52

Whittall c Tilkekeratne b Aravinda 2

Goodwin b Jayasuriya 39

Whittall c Jayawardena b Muralitharan 17

A Flower not out 61

Campbell c Kaluwitharana b Anurasiri 37

Wishart not out 14

Extra: (lb-5, w-1, nb-1) 7

Total: (for six wkt) 241

Fall of wkt: 1-22; 2-34; 3-

104; 4-117; 5-129; 6-204

Bowling O M R W

Pushpakumara 8 1 34 0

Aravinda 19 4 48 2

Muralitharan 34 7 70 1

Anurasiri 19 7 41 1

Jayasuriya 24 9 43 2

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Dhaka derby today

Sports Reporter

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club will face their archrivals Abahani Krira Chakra in a crucial return leg clash of the Premier Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium this afternoon.

The Dhaka derby will kick off at 2:15 pm.

Mohammedans are leading with 40 points from 17 matches and Abahani have 36 points from the same number of outings.

England all keyed up

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Jan 16: England's cricketers hope to forget a series of pre-series mishaps when they kick off their West Indies tour here Friday with a four-day match against Jamaica, reports AP.

The team flew into Antigua Jan 3 but had to abort a scheduled week's practice and acclimation at a new cricket centre there, as heavy, unseasonal rain soaked the pitches and outfield. They flew into Jamaica a week early and have spent the past nine days in intense practice at the Kensington club in Kingston.

"Things have gone well at practice but everyone is now itching to get on the park and into the real thing," team coach David Lloyd said Thursday.

"We don't have long before the first Test (against the West Indies, starting Jan 29) and only two matches to sort ourselves out," he added. "We need to make fullest use of them."

Ten members of the touring party made the half-hour flight from Kingston to west coast Montego Bay Thursday morning. But 13 others, including captain Mike Atherton, opted for the three-hour cross-island bus ride.

"We wanted to see something of the country," Atherton said. "You don't get much of a chance on a cricket tour."

The match against Jamaica will be followed with another four-day match Jan 22 against the West Indies A team, comprised mainly of reserve players, at Chedwin Park in St Catherine.

England play five Tests and five one-day internationals against the West Indies before the tour ends April 8.

Although Jamaica will be without fast bowlers Courtney Walsh and Franklin Rose, both expected to join the West Indies team for the first Test, they should give the English a good match.

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Farashganj edge Agrani

Farashganj Sporting Club came from behind to defeat Agrani Bank 2-1 in the Premier Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Alamgir put the banker's ahead in the 43rd minute while Chancal levelled the margin in the 56th minute.

Farhad scored the match-winning goal for Farashganj in the 78th minute.

Zenga hangs up his boots

FOXBORO, Massachusetts, Jan 16: Homesick Italian goalkeeper Walter Zenga retired from the New England Revolution on Thursday saying that he missed his family and homeland, reports AFP.

The 38-year-old Zenga, a legend in Italian football, played in the 1986 and 1990 World Cups and also starred with Inter Milan and Sampdoria in the elite Serie A.

Zenga joined the Revolution for the 1997 season but missed nine games after an arthroscopic surgery on his left knee.

"This decision was one of the hardest of my life," Zenga said.

"I loved playing for the Revolution and the fans, who welcomed me with open arms. But I miss my family in Italy and need to think about my career after soccer. I feel I can conclude my playing career at this time because the fans of the Revolution helped me end on a high note."

Despite his short stay, Zenga made a big impact on the MLS, starting for the Eastern Conference in the 1997 all-star game.

Zenga will continue to work for the Revolution, as a scout.

European soccer scene

LONDON, Jan 16 (AP/AF):

When Colombian star Faustino Asprilla scored three goals against Barcelona in the Champions League a few months ago, Newcastle were riding high.

Champions' qualifiers as last season's runners-up in the English Premier League, the Magpies looked on course for major honours under highly-rated manager Kenny Dalglish.

Then it all went wrong.

Injury-plagued Asprilla has completely lost form and appears to be on his way back to Italian soccer with Parma.

Newcastle, meanwhile, are out of the Champions' Cup and domestic League Cup and, instead of chasing league leaders Manchester United, are only four points above the relegation zone.

Newcastle, who have slid to 11th in the 20-club standings, also became embroiled in an embarrassing war of words with soccer minnows Stevenage this week. Newcastle demanded that the semi-pro team give up home advantage for the FA Cup fourth-round game so that more Newcastle fans can watch the Jan. 25 match at 36,000-capacity St. James Park.