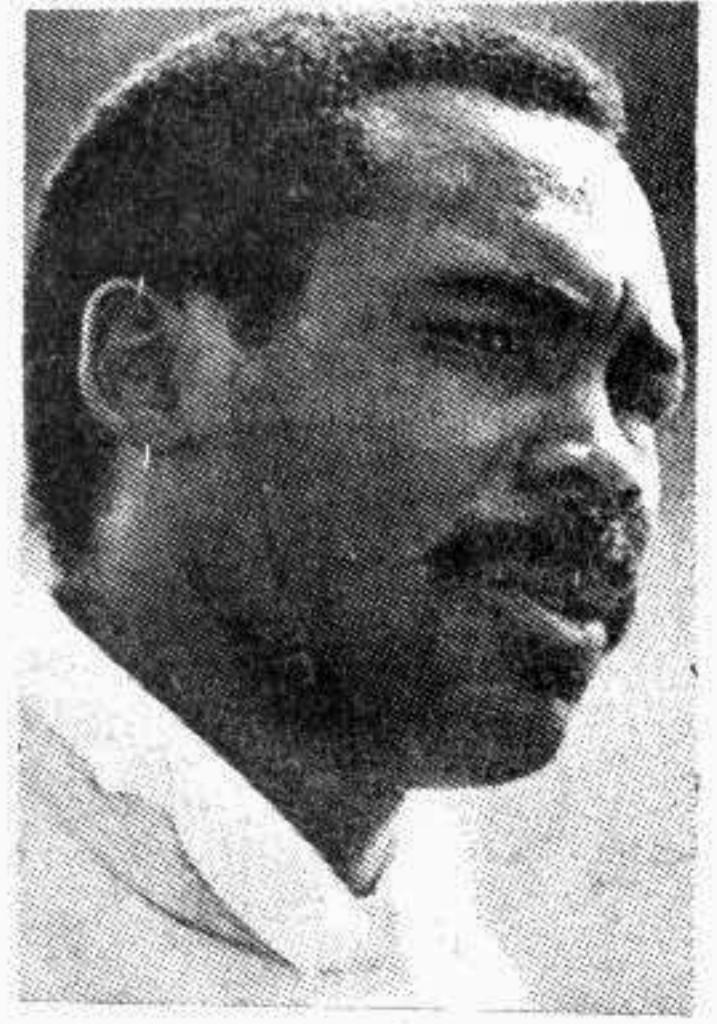


Sport

SPORTS TALK



Gordon Greenidge

(Bangladesh cricket coach)
"The boys are forever talking about doing it but when they get the opportunity, they seem to forget what they've been talking about."

On Bangladesh's poor batting.

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Div III cricket

Dilkusha Sporting Club defeated Nakhlapara Sussex Club by 28 runs in the Third Division cricket league at the T&T ground yesterday, reports UNB.

BRIEF SCORES

DILKUSHA SC: 188/8 (35), (Debashish 73, Krishna 46, Nahid 23).

NAKHALPURA: 160/9 (35) (Masum 36, Azad 26, Walid 3/22, Krishna 3/38).

Brits go down fighting



DUESSELDORF, May 19: Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski fought brave battles before falling to Spain's clay-court aces at the World Team Cup on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Britain, who had beaten holders Germany in their opening tie on Sunday, lost 2-1 but still stand a chance of reaching Saturday's final of the tournament featuring eight top tennis nations.

The Germans delighted their home fans in the day's other tie by winning the decisive doubles to beat Sweden 2-1 and keep their title hopes alive.

French Open champion Carlos Moya won a tight three-set battle against Henman to hand Spain a winning 2-0 lead.

World number four Moya, tuning up for the defence of his title from next week in Paris, took over two hours to seal a hard-fought 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 win.

Alex Corretja, who lost to Moya in last year's French Open final, had earlier shrugged off a brave challenge from Rusedski, beating him 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 to put Spain 1-0 up.

Henman and Rusedski are not regarded as clay-court experts but they proved they could adapt their attacking game to the slow surface by giving two of the world's top baseliners a hard time.

They then teamed up for some consolation, crushing Albert Costa and Jairo Velasco

6-0, 6-3 in the doubles.

Moya moved 5-2 ahead of Henman in the final set of their singles and served for the match at 5-3.

But Henman refused to yield and broke him on the way to forcing a tie-break in which Moya built a 6-1 lead.

Henman saved a match point with a superb backhand along the line but Moya fired a service winner on his second match point to take the tie-break 7-2 wrap it up.

"It was a match that could have gone either way," world number seven Henman said. "He came up with good points at the right time but I think it was a good match from both of us."

Henman has never shone on the Paris clay but he warned it

Martin, Dewulf pull out of French Open

PARIS, May 19: American Todd Martin, ranked 11th, has pulled out of the French Open due to a lingering shoulder injury, the tournament organisers said Wednesday, reports AP.

Martin made the announcement late Tuesday, said a Roland Garros spokeswoman, Caroline Glatz. His withdrawal from the competition, set to begin Monday, allows Sweden's Thomas Engqvist to become the 16th seed.

Philip Dewulf of Belgium, ranking 90th, also pulled out of the tournament Tuesday with a shin injury, the organizers said.

The United States, who beat France on Sunday, will be back in action on Wednesday, against Slovakia. France will meet Australia in the other tie.

Haas and David Prinosil edged out Jonas Bjorkman and Nicklas Kulli 7-6, 3-6, 7-5 in the day's last match.

The Chilean, winner last year without losing a set, needed a little over two hours to overcome unfancied Italian Davide Sanguinetti 7-6, 5-7, 6-3.

Rios was troubled by his service throughout and blamed his weak performance on windy and overcast weather which also caused Kafelnikov some problems.

Kafelnikov, Australian Open champion and tournament winner in Rotterdam this year said: "First I want to win this tournament, then I will start thinking about the French Open."

Rios also feels ready for his first title at the French Open, starting next week.

"I'm well prepared for the French Open. I'm in really good shape. I feel fine physically."

"I played really aggressive tennis today. I tried to be tough and took a lot of risks. That's probably why so many mistakes happened."

Rios broke Sanguinetti's in the second game to take a 2-0 lead in the first set before he dropped serve in the fifth and seventh games.

Rios, whose only tournament win of the year came at Hamburg earlier this month, then profited from Sanguinetti's imprecise shots to break for 5-5 before taking the set 7-4 on tie-break.

Allen Houston (R) of New York Knicks cages against Atlanta Hawks during their NBA Eastern Conference clash at Atlanta on May 18. - AFP photo

Real to swap Sucker for West Ham's Rio

MADRID, May 19: Spanish giants Real Madrid are set to offer Croatian international striker Davor Suker as part of a transfer deal for West Ham's English international defender Rio Ferdinand it was reported here on Wednesday, says AFP.

The eight-time European Cup winners, who are in a desperate battle to claim a Champions League place for next season, cannot meet the 19.3 million dollar asking price but believe that with the out of favour Suker, last year's World Cup final leading scorer, as part of the package they can persuade West Ham to part with 20-year-old Ferdinand.

Real Madrid coach John Toshack, who replaced the sacked Guus Hiddink earlier this year, has promised a clear-out of the deposed European Cup winners.

Suker is top of the list after he accused the Welshman earlier this month of trying to make him sign for either Portuguese outfit Porto or Turkish side Fenerbahce and in return he would play in the remaining league matches.

Real Madrid suspended the 31-year-old striker, who has declared a preference for playing in England, without pay both for that incident and for accusing Toshack of wrecking the image of the club.

Real Madrid, who are currently third with four matches to go but are competing with four other sides for the two remaining Champions League berths, have already signed Englishman Steve McManaman from Liverpool.

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