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3	Who is the captain of Argentina soccer team?	Simeone	Batistuta	Ayala
4	How many Grand Slam titles has Steffi Graf won till now?	22	23	24
5	Who is ATP's top ranked player right now?	Sampras	Moya	Agassi

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SPORTS TALK



Arjuna Ranatunga

(Former Sri Lankan cricket captain)

"This is not the time for me to go, when Sri Lankan cricket is down: Nobody can tell me when to go if I am getting runs. I still feel I have a lot of cricket left in me."

On his retirement

Coetzer beats Kournikova

MAWAH, New Jersey, July 17: The A and P Tennis Classic officially struck out with its headline attractions as Amanda Coetzer took advantage of Anna Kournikova's serve and defeated the Russian teenager 6-4, 6-4 in the quarter-final Friday night, reports AP.

The ouster of the fan favourite completes a bad week for the organisers of the exhibition event. Jana Novotna, the 1998 Wimbledon champion, withdrew on Tuesday before the start of the tournament because of a bad ankle. Six-time winner Steffi Graf was forced to retire from her match on Thursday night after becoming nauseous in the third set.

Kournikova was treated for severe dehydration and cramping, tournament director John Korf said.

"She is not having fun," Korf said. "This is a lot worse than someone sitting in a chair rubbing their calves."

Dr Joe Pizzuro, the tournament physician, said Kournikova received intravenous fluids, a muscle relaxant, a massage and cold compresses. He said she'd likely not require hospitalisation.

Coetzer, who is ranked No 9 in the world, will play Chanda Rubin, the 1997 A and P Classic winner, in one semifinal Saturday afternoon. Two-time winner Jennifer Capriati, who benefited from Graf's upset stomach, will face unheralded Erika de Lona of Boston.

De Lona got a spot in the semis earlier in the day by defeating second-seeded Nicole Pratt 7-5, 7-6, to win the accompanying USTA Challenger event.

Coetzer, who lost last year's final to Graf, jumped to big leads in both sets. She broke Kournikova's service twice in the first seven games of the first set and on her first three service changes in the second set.

That definitely disappointed five young men in the stands who bared their chests to reveal A-N-N-A during the match.

Kournikova gave them and the crowd something to cheer about before the match ended, however.

After four deuces, she held serve to get to 5-2 and then broke Coetzer's serve after the South African blew a match point with a double fault.



Muktijodha's Nigerian recruit Efine(C) locked in a tussle with a Farashganj defender during their Premier League encounter yesterday. — Star Photo by Anisur Rahman

Farashganj lead fuels Mukti

Sports Reporter



second-minute header ricochet off the post.

But the Farashganj joy lasted only a minute as Jewel made amends of his blunder, heading home a long throw from Rajani. It was the league's second goal for the tall defender.

Muktijodha needed another couple of minutes to take the lead with Joy blasting a header off a right-footer, that rattled into the top right-hand corner of the frame giving no chance to Farashganj's goalie Anwar. Conceding two quick goals was enough reason for Anwar being replaced by Aminul.

Muktijodha, however, lived dangerously with the slender lead against an all-out Farashganj attack before an 87th minute strike from Alieu Rahman saved them from any possible debacle. It was a clinical finish to a nice build-up from the left by the stocky Nigerian, who coolly placed the ball into the net after being fed by substitute Farashganj custodian Aminul for corner.

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Saqi spins Surrey to win



gave Saqlain something to think about. He went down the wicket and elegantly drove him for four. With the next ball he followed this up with a superb lofted six on the leg-side that went out of the ground.

Hampshire captain Robin Smith, 33 not out overnight, hit some typically aggressive drives and looked in decent form as he and Stephenson formed the beginnings of what looked like a useful partnership.

But Stephenson was eventually deceived by Saqlain as he came around the wicket, bowled for 26 by what appeared to be a quicker delivery.

And any lingering hope Hampshire had of saving the game disappeared when Smith was completely beaten by the crafty spinner, bowled for 46, made from 98 balls and including six fours and one six.

Nixon McLean, who had hit a career best 70 in the first innings and smashed Saqlain for some well-struck boundaries, did not have the same success second time around.

He struck a lofted straight drive off Saqlain and Ian Salisbury, at long-off, missed out on any chance of a catch, seemingly dazzled by the sun despite wearing wrap-around shades.

But, once again Surrey were indebted to their brilliant Pakistan off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq.

He finished with figures of six for 74, his third five-wicket haul in four innings.

Hampshire were always facing a tough task against a powerful Surrey attack. But they had some early bits of luck. Nightwatchman Peter Hartley was dropped off the bowling of Saqlain by Graham Thorpe on Friday.

He then drove at Saqlain but England fast bowler Alex Tudor, stooping at mid-off failed to hold the catch.

Hartley's luck finally ran out when he was on 17. A Martin Bicknell delivery kept low and the former Yorkshire player was out LBW, reducing Hampshire to 129 for five.

Wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes did not last long with a top edged sweep off Saqlain going straight to Bicknell at fine leg. Aymes was out for five.

Stephenson at least

wickets to leave the Welshmen on 235 for six, and still needing another 39 runs to avoid a fourth innings defeat in five matches.

Matthew Brimson claimed four for 69 and Alan Mullally three for 76 as Leicestershire had Sussex following on 247 behind at Arundel.

They closed on 49 for two, still needing 198 to make Leicestershire bat again.

Alamgir Sheriyar cemented his position as the county's leading wicket-taker with six for 101 as Worcestershire enforced the follow-on against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham.

Resuming on 150 for six, Gloucestershire were bowled out for 231, a massive 360 runs behind.

Tim Hancock led the way in the second innings, making 64, and with Kim Barnett 61 not out they closed on 185 for four, still 175 runs adrift.

Essex spinners Paul Grayson and Peter Such made short work of Middlesex in a one-sided contest at Southend, with the home side victorious by an innings and one six.

After being bowled out for 113 on the opening day, Middlesex were brushed aside for 140 in their second innings, capitulating with embarrassing ease as only Andrew Strauss with 42 came away with his pride intact.

Middlesex lost their last five wickets in the space of 35 deliveries as left-arm spinner Grayson (four for 16) and off-spinner Such (three for 42) proved just too hot to handle.

After a run of two successive championship defeats, Gavin Hamilton helped stop the rot for Yorkshire with a match-winning 75 against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Glamorgan batsmen Wayne Law and Mike Powell engineered a spirited fightback, sharing in a fourth-wicket stand of 161 after Glamorgan had been forced to follow on 276 runs behind.

Yates finished the initiative by taking three late

Div I football Sohel nets twice for Prantik

Prantik Krira Chakra tasted their first win in the Metropolis First Division Football League by beating Shantinagar Club 2-1 at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. says UNB.

With this, Prantik KC collected six points from five matches while Shantinagar Club has four points from five outings.

The day's match was locked 1-1 in the first half.

Sohel netted two goals for the winners while Masud (Jr) scored one for the losers.

Sohel put Prantik KC ahead early in the 2nd minute, but Masud restored parity for Shantinagar after 15 minutes. Sohel scored the match-winning goal in the 62nd minute.

First win, first defeat

In another match at the same venue yesterday, Dharmondi Club beat Muslim Institute by a solitary goal.

This was the first victory for Dharmondi from five matches and they collected six points. Muslim Institute tasted their first defeat from five outings and secured ten points.

In the day's match, Masud

Alam Bulbul netted all-important goal in the 38th minute.

TODAY'S MATCH: Agrani Bank SC vs East End Club (Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, 4 pm).

Div II hockey

Tajgaon Agragami Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club earned massive victories in the Green Delta Insurance 2nd Division hockey league at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Aragami Club crushed Rayerbar Sporting Club 11-0 after dominating the first half 4-0.

Harun struck four goals including a hattrick. Kibria struck thrice while Asif netted two goals, and Sakhawat and Rahat one each.

In the other match, Dhaka

Wanderers trounced Dhaka Hockey Club 6-0. All the goals came in the first half.

Jartaz also scored a hattrick with two field goals and the other from penalty stroke.

Muhid scored two goals and Khokon one.

Amul of Dhaka Hockey Club received red card in the match.

Sunday's matches

Muktibhanga Tarun Sangha vs Agrani Bank SC (4 pm)

Teams

Muktijodha Sangsads:

Arun, Hasan-al Mamun, Jewel Rana, Rajani, Masud Rana, Liton (Tushar), Joy, Bakti, Alieu, Rahman, Effendi and Nakib.

Farashganj SC: Anwar (Aminul), Shafik, Ashrafia Karim, Nazrul, Polash, Azimuddin, Chanchal, Bidyut (Arman), Kanchan, Monir (Mithul) and Farhad.

Referee: Maruf Shikder

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