

Referee makes

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their previous collection of 19 points.

Yellow cards: Joy, Lito (Mukhtijoddha) and Mintu (Abahan).

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Aminul, Partho, Kingshook, Sohel Reza, Dulal, Ghansah (Arman), Mintu, Iqbal, Sentu, Sabir Pasha and Opuju (Barat).

MUKHTIJODHA SANGSAD KC: Biplob, Hasan Al-Mamun, Rajani, Jewel Rana, Masood Rana, Tito, Joy, Lito, Aliyu, Effiani (Mamun Joarder) and Nakib.

Referee: Golam Mustafa.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Key Premier Division Football League:
(Venue : Bangabandhu National Stadium)
Brothers Union vs Badda Jagarani (3:30 pm)
Mohammedan SC vs Mirpur Chalanika (5:30 pm)

Black Caps

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Aftab Habib and night-watchman Dean Headley stubbornly defied New Zealand's attack for 40 minutes.

But the introduction of Geoff Allott into the attack from the Pavilion End in the 11th over changed the course of the morning's play after he claimed two for one in 13 balls as England slumped to 127 for six.

Headley was first to fall from Allott's sixth ball of the day, attempting to drive outside off-stump but instead edging straight to Stephen Fleming low down at second slip.

Headley had battled for 67 minutes in scoring 12 and forged a 26-run fifth wicket partnership with Habib.

Habib, with just seven runs from his previous two Test innings, seemed intent on making the most of his escape and after a fiery start to the day, found the confidence to drive Daniel Vettori through the covers for the first boundary of the day.

But Allott ended his 127 minutes of resistance in his next over, inducing Habib into attempting an ambitious drive off the back foot which was instead collected by Nathan Astle at third slip.

A gutsy seventh wicket stand of 48 between wicketkeeper Chris Read and bowler Andy Caddick meant England made it to lunch on 175 for six.

Read, dismissed humiliated in the first innings, conquered his early nerves and began the play with attractive shots while Caddick continued to look as assured with the bat as in his previous two innings of the series.

After lunch the pair continued their defiance but their 78-run partnership was broken when Dion Nash trapped Read lbw for 37.

Alan Mullally scored 10 before Roger Twose caught him off Chris Cairns and Caddick's brave effort was finally ended off 45 when Kiwi captain Stephen Fleming caught him off Allott, who finished with three for 36.

With nine wickets down and Hussain unable to bat England were all out and New Zealand's openers - the two Matthews, Horne and Bell - scored 15 of the 58 required in six overs before tea.

Caddick trapped Horne, who scored 100 in the first innings, lbw before 26 with the total on 37, but it proved England's only success.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at end of the second Test between England and New Zealand at Lord's on Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 186 (A Stewart 50, N Hussain 61, C Cairns 6-77)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 358 (M Horne 100, R Twose 52, D Vettori 54)

ENGLAND: Second innings (overs 107-4)

Butcher c Astle b Vettori 20

Stewart b Vettori 35

Ramprakash c Parore b Astle 24

Thorpe b Cairns 24

Habib c Astle b Allott 19

Headley c Fleming b Allott 12

Read lbw b Nash 37

Caddick c Fleming b Allott 45

Mullally c Twose b Cairns 10

Tufnell not out 5

Hussain absent 0

Extras: (b-5; lb-3; nb-7) 15

Total: (For nine wks in 101.4 overs) 229

Fall of wks: 1-55; 2-71; 3-78; 4-97; 5-123; 6-127; 7-205; 8-216; 9-229

Bowler O M R W

Allott 16.4 6 36 3

Cairns 25 6 67 2

Vettori 31 12 62 2

Nash 25 9 50 1

Astle 4 2 6 1

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

Horne lbw b Caddick 26

Bell not out 26

Fleming not out 3

Extras: (b-2; nb-1) 3

Total: (for 1 wk IN 23 overs) 60

Did not bat: C McMillan, N Astle, R Twose, A Parore, C Cairns, D Nash, D Vettori, G Allott

Bowler O M R W

Mullally 5 0 21 0

Caddick 10 4 18 1

Tufnell 8 2 19 0

Result: New Zealand won by nine wickets

Umpires: Mervyn Kitchen (Eng) and Rudi Koertzen (RSA)

Minyard touches world record

WINNIPEG, Canada, July 25: US shooter Deena Minyard equalled the world record in trap shooting here Saturday, winning the Pan American Games gold medal with a total of 95 points, reports AFP.

Finland's Sato Pusila set the world mark of 95 points on June 13, 1998 in Nicosia. American Cindy Gentry took the silver medal with 92 points, followed by Canadian Susan Natrass with 84.



Brazilian Sanderlei Parrela (R) finishing ahead of the pack in the men's 400 metres final of the Pan Am Games at Winnipeg, Canada on July 24. —AFP photo

Norman victor at Stuttgart



Magnus Norman celebrating his victory at the Stuttgart Open.

STUTTGART, Germany, July 25: Magnus Norman turned the tables in dramatic fashion on Tommy Haas, battling back from two sets to love down to score a five-set victory in the final of the 1.05-million-dollar Mercedes Cup here Sunday, reports AFP.

Seventh seeded German Haas failed to secure what looked like being a straight-sets win over the 49th-ranked Swede, going down 6-7, 4-6, 7-6, 6-0, 6-3 to the 23-year-old Scandinavian.

Haas had been bidding to become the first German since Michael Stich in 1991 to take the best-of-five-set trophy at the Weissenhof club.

Norman broke to start the final set and rolled out to a 5-1 lead before a brief rally from Haas. But the German got into trouble, down 0-30 on serve while trailing 3-5.

He saved one match point with a backhand which skimmed the line, but returned out a yell of joy after three hours, 28 minutes of struggle.

Norman, one of six Swedes in the ATP Tour Top 100, will rise to 31st in the world and now stands 18-14 on clay this season.



Alexander Popov swimming in the pool.

ISTANBUL, July 25: Alexander Popov and the pool swimmers take centre-stage on Monday when

the pace quickens after four days of the other aquatic disciplines at the European championships, reports Reuters.

Popov and his Russian teammates will defend the 4x100 metres freestyle title they have won at each edition of the European Championships since Popov burst on to the international scene in 1991.

Four titles are at stake on the first day of a swimming programme extended to seven days because of the introduction of semifinals for distances up to 200 metres as a forerunner of the demanding new format at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney.

Six sprint events have been added to these long-course championships for the first time - 50 metres backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly for men and women - while the largely meaningless consolation B finals have been dropped.

The women's 50 metres butterfly, with heats and semifinals on the opening day in the Atakoy Olympic pool, looks likely to produce a world record, with Inge de Bruijn of the Netherlands and then Anna-Karin Kammerling of Sweden having each lowered the mark in the past six weeks.

Monday's goals come in the men's 400 metres freestyle, the women's 400 individual medley and the men's and women's 4x100 freestyle relays.

Since his 1991 debut in Athens, when he was 19 years old, Popov has completed two Olympic golden doubles at 50 metres and 100 metres freestyle and won two world 100 freestyle titles and one at 50 metres, losing the 50 title to American Bill Pilczuk in 1998.

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He earned 157,000 dollars and 280 computer ranking points, Haas' efforts earned him 82,000 dollars.

Leading two sets to love, Haas looked to be in solid control after an early break in the third set. But he lost it and had to save a set point in the 12th game to stay alive and bring on a tiebreaker.

The German No. 1 salvaged five set points against Norman, who underwent heart surgery in late 1997 to correct a valve defect and has already claimed a title at Orlando this spring, the fourth of his career.

The Swede was handed a sixth set point as Haas double-faulted. He took full advantage, forcing Haas into a return long which lost the set and breathed new life into the underdog's challenge.

There was no stopping Norman in the fourth as he rallied 6-0 to level the match at two sets each. He then began the fifth with a break of the disillusioned German and carried on non-stop for the win at the Weissenhof club.

Haas made heavy weather of the 58-minute opening set, requiring five set points to finally clinch it.

Norman moved to a 4-3 lead as Haas double-faulted to lose the seventh game after saving a break point.

The 21-year-old German got the break straight back to steady the set, 4-4. Norman got into trouble two games later, but saved a Haas set point with a well-timed drop shot.

As the set went into a tiebreaker, Haas looked to be back in command as he took a 6-3 lead. But the determined Swede refused to roll over, taking the decider to 6-6.

Haas earned one more winning chance and finally managed it to take the set on a sunny afternoon at the Weissenhof club.

In the second set, Haas took a 2-1 lead and held it all the way out to a two-sets-to-love margin in front of a partisan home crowd.

The third set scenario followed the second, with Haas again getting a break in the third game.

The seventh seed succumbed to Norman's pressure in the eighth game, losing serve to allow the 23-year-old Swede back into the set 4-4.

The comeback was short-lived, with Haas taking the edge 5-4 after Norman saved one break point but sent a backhand wide on the second.

But despite a 30-love lead a game later, Haas was broken for 5-5 as Norman caught the baseline with a backhand.

Throughout a decade, Monday's women's 400 metres individual medley will have a new champion following the downfall of Ireland's Michelle Smith-de Bruin, whose career has been wrecked by a four-year ban for tampering with a urine sample at an out-of-competition dope test.

Romania's Beatrice Coadă-Caslaru is the fastest European this year but Ukraine's Yana Klochkova, who ran Smith-de Bruin close at the last European championships in Seville in 1997, and European short-course champion Hana Cerna of the Czech Republic should make it a tight race.

Italy's Emiliano Brembilla, who completed an heroic 400 and 1,500 freestyle double in Seville, is defending only his 400 metres crown in Istanbul, with compatriot Massimiliano Rosolino and Britain's Paul Palmer - silver and bronze medalists last time - once again his biggest rivals.

Rosolino is the fastest European so far this year, ahead of Brembilla and Palmer.

Germany, with Franziska van Almsick back in the fold after she missed the last European Championships following a motorcycle injury, will be favourites to retain the 4x100 freestyle relay before the Russians take on the rest in the men's relay which closes the opening day's action.

European Swimming League director Alessandro Sansa said at the weekend between 10 and 12 per cent of competitors would be dope-tested during the championships. These will include all record-breakers but not necessarily all winners.

Turkish Olympic Committee president Sinan Erdem said: "We have been fighting against doping since 1968 (but) we don't want to turn competition sites into a laboratory."

Earlier this summer, Gardener and Chambers became only the second and third Britons ever to run the 100 metres in less than 10 seconds. The British records holder remains Linford Christie, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist.

Gardener said: "The occasion was a big one. There were a lot of egos at stake today."

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Russia in Fed Cup final

MOSCOW, July 25: Russian 22-year-old Tatiana Panova beat Slovakia's Ludmila Cervankova 6-4, 6-4 to put her team in the Fed Cup final here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Panova, world ranked 69th, downed Slovakia's 19-year-old rookie after Russian Yelena Likhovtseva saw off Karina Habsudova 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the first Sunday's match to give Russia a 2-1 lead in this semi-final clash.

Italy draw level

ANCONA, Italy, July 25: Silvia Farina upset former world number one Monica Seles here on Saturday night to leave Italy's Fed Cup semifinal against the United States level at 1-1, reports AFP.

The hosts, facing what the national press has dubbed a mission impossible, were trailing 1-0 after Venus Williams had blasted Rita Grande off the court in a 6-2, 6-3 victory.

But Italian number one Farina rose to the occasion in the second singles rubber here to grind out a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Seles, who appeared afterwards with an ice pack on her left wrist.

It's now or never for Anelka

SAINT-ETIENNE, France, July 25: Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger on Saturday gave his unsettled striker Nicolas Anelka 48 hours to find a club or abide by his contract with the London club, reports Reuters.

"If in 48 hours, Anelka has not found (another) club we will consider him an Arsenal player and that he's coming back home to us," Wenger said.

In 48-hour, Arsenal will withdraw their accord to put Nicolas Anelka on the transfer market," he said after his side's 2-2 draw in a pre-season friendly against promoted French First Division Saint-Etienne.

"There are the sudden desires of the players but there are, in fact, also duties because there is a contract," Wenger said.

United lied?

HONG KONG, July 25: Soccer star David Beckham, who was said by Manchester United to have quit his club's Far East tour because of injuries, played in Britain Saturday while his teammates played Hong Kong club side South China without him, local press reports said Sunday, according to AFP.

Beckham played for United's youth team in a pre-season match in Yorkshire against Selby Town, the Sunday Morning Post reported in Hong Kong. His team beat Selby 6-1.

Fans in Hong Kong, who had hoped to see the England midfielder, were shocked to learn of the match.

"This is so disappointing," one said. "The club told us Beckham was injured, but he's playing in England?"

Portugal's human logo for Euro 2004 bid

LISBON, Portugal, July 25: More than 30,000 people formed a human logo in the shape of a soccer player Saturday at Lisbon's National Stadium to promote Portugal's bid to host the 2004 European Championship, reports AP.

Sporting coloured hoods, the crowds assembled in the silhouette of a player next to stripes of red and green, the colours of Portugal's flag. The words "Portugal, 2004," and "Euro" were etched on the stripes.

Among the participants was Prime Minister Antonio Guterres.

Later, 651 gymnasts making up the player's flexed right leg created the illusion of kicking a soccer ball - a balloon with a diameter of 10 metres (33-feet) and filled with 10,000 red and green balloons, which were subsequently released.

The publicity event, estimated to cost 225 million escudos (1.17 million dollars) was financed by private sponsors.

European soccer's governing body UEFA is expected to select the host for the 2004 championships by October. The other candidates are Spain and Austria-Hungary.

Brazilian soccer ace Ronaldo, FIFA player of the year in 1996 and 1997, has expressed his support for the Portuguese motion, along with France's Zinedine Zidane, last year's FIFA player of the year.

British sprinters in high spirits

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 25: Britain's sprinters, buoyed by their sub-10-second racing already this summer, have issued a challenge to the American 4x100 metres relay squad ahead of next month's World Championships in Seville, reports Reuters.

"The Americans are very arrogant - they always think they are going to win the sprint relay," Darren Campbell, the European 100 metres champion, said at Britain's Amateur Athletic Association Championships.

"Now we have the world trials race behind us, we can practice together regularly and our squad is faster than ever before."

"We have a tremendous team spirit. We can go out there and play safe and win silver, or go out there and take a chance and try to win gold. None of us wants the silver medal."

Pan Am Games

Brazil bags first gold

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, July 25: Brazil made their mark at the Pan American Games on Saturday, picking up their first gold as Maureen Maggi won the women's long jump and causing chaos in the table tennis tournament, reports Reuters.

The United States went to the top of the medals table despite losing out in the women's and men's team gymnastics and an anonymous Dominican Republic athlete claimed credit for the disruption of Pan American Sports Organisation president Mario Vazquez Rana's speech in the opening ceremony.

Cuba's six gymnasts dominated the competition to claim the gold medal in the men's team competition.

The Cubans sailed through the event at Winnipeg Arena with few misuses, cheering each other's successes along the way as they finished with 222.375 points, well ahead of the US

squad with 216 points. Canada took the bronze with 215.150.

Brazil's Maggi delighted the crowd at the track as she easily justified her status as favourite in the long jump. The 23-year-old multi-sport athlete never challenged her season-leading jump of 7.26 metres but her best effort of 6.59 was more than enough.

This win is very important for the Brazilian team. Now I hope the other Brazilian athletes follow me, said Maggi, whose pride in her country was vividly on display. Miniature Brazilian flags dangled from her ears and more were painted on her fingernails.

But the Brazilians were less popular in the table tennis arena, refusing to start the men's team even in protest at the seeding system and delaying play for most of the day.

Organisers had decided the seeding for the preliminary

round robin section should be based on current world rankings under which Brazil would be number three. But Brazil wanted it based on the last Pan American Games, under which they would be number one as defending champions.