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John McEnroe
(American tennis legend)
"People used to mock that my behaviour went too far."

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Tri-series final SA struggling

Sports Reporter
South Africa were in trouble at 83 for five after 28 overs in the rain interrupted final of the Standard Bank tri-series against England at the Wanderers in Johannesburg yesterday.
Put into bat on a bowler friendly wicket, the Proteas batsmen found life difficult against the sustained hostility of England's new ball operators Andrew Caddick and Darren Gough.
South African captain Hansie Cronje (24 not out) and wicket-keeper Mark Boucher (34 not out) were at the crease when this report was being filed. Caddick had taken three wickets while the other two were captured by Gough.
The match is a 45-over a side affair.

Hayden takes Ponting's place

SYDNEY, Feb 13: Australian batsman Ricky Ponting was today ruled out of the one-day international cricket series in New Zealand with an ankle injury, reports AFP.
He was replaced by former Test opener Matthew Hayden.
A medical specialist advised Ponting would need another two to three weeks' recovery putting him out of the six-match series against the Kiwis beginning in Wellington on Wednesday.
Ponting injured his ankle in a fielding mishap during Australia's win over Pakistan in the final of the tri-series tournament at the Sydney Cricket Ground nine days ago.
He joined the Australian squad here today but will return to his Tasmanian home for rest and physiotherapy.

Chris Adams returns home

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 13: England batsman Chris Adams has flown home because his 18-month-old daughter is ill. He will miss the short tour to Zimbabwe, reports Reuters.

Lalmatia, Boys join the pack

Sports Reporter



Lalmatia Club and Bangladesh Boys Club moved into the top spot of the First Division cricket league after winning their respective matches at different city venues yesterday.
Lalmatia inflicted a 24-run defeat on Young Cricketers the Bangabandhu National Stadium.
Batting first, Lalmatia scored a fighting total of 206 for eight in 50 overs. Opener Nahidul Haque made 59 followed by one-down Oskar Kishan who chipped in with 53.
Together they put on 78 runs for the third wicket.
Nahidul slammed half a dozen fours off 79 balls. Onkar, the Indian all-rounder, struck one six and three fours in his 76-ball knock.
Middle-order batsmen Sumon and Kalim added 27 and 25 respectively.
In reply, their opponents

were bowled out for 183 in 48.2 overs. Only national all-rounder Sabir Khan showed some fighting qualities with gutsy 36.
Lalmatia's Shaheen was the wrecker-in-chief. He finished

with 3 for 30 from his nine overs while Onkar's nine-over spell cost 36 but accounted for two wickets.

Away at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh Boys defeated Young Pegasus by 28 runs.

In a low-scoring affair, Bangladesh Boys managed 168 all out in 48.1 overs.

Opener Akikul Anam top-scored with 53 while his partner Torey added 25.

In reply Pegasus were restricted to 140 for nine in the stipulated overs.

Boys' new-ball bowler Mazid returned with three for 22 runs from his ten overs while Apollo captured two wickets for 28 runs.

The outcome of yesterday's matches left five-way lead at the top of the 12-table. They each have five wins against three defeats. Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangha, Young Cricketers and Dhanmondi Club are the other teams.

BRIEF SCORES
LALMATIA CLUB: 206 for 8 in 50 overs (Nahidul 59, Onkar 53, Sumon 27, Kalim 25; Lovlu 2/39)
YOUNG CRICKETERS: 182 all out in 49.2 overs (Sabir 36, Tinku 30, Khokon 25; Shaheen 3/30, Onkar 2/36)
Result: Lalmatia Club won by 24 runs
BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 168 all out in 48.1 overs (Anam 53, Torey 25, Siraj 20; Johnny 4/17, Rashed 2/38)
YOUNG PEGASUS: 140 for 9 in 50 overs (Mustakin 33 n.o., Labbu 16; Mazid 3/22, Apollo 2/28)
Result: Bangladesh Boys Club won by 28 runs.



Scene from the 26th national chess championship qualifiers at the NSC yesterday. — Star photo

Board XI match against S Africa

Azhar earns a recall



NEW DELHI, Feb 13: Former Indian cricket captain Mohammad Azharuddin, a controversial omission from the disastrous Australian tour, is back in contention for the upcoming home series against South Africa, reports AFP.
The 36-year-old, who is two matches away from 100 Test appearances, was today picked in the Board President's team to take on the visitors in the three-day tour opener at Bombay from February 19.

A good performance by the veteran batsman is almost certain to win back a berth for the first Test, which starts at the Wankhede Stadium in Bombay from February 24.

Azharuddin, dumped as captain after the World Cup last June, was kept out of the home series against New Zealand and the Australian tour, reportedly at the behest of skipper Sachin Tendulkar and coach Kapil Dev.

Kapil was quoted in Australia as saying Azharuddin was not a popular figure in the dressing room.
"But India's dismal show on the tour, where they were blanked 3-0 in the Test series and lost seven of the eight one-dayers, appears to have forced the selectors to fall back on Azharuddin."

Tendulkar, who has been named captain till April, was quoted today as saying he had "no hang-ups with any player."
"I have played with many players for India for more than 10 years and I have always been transparent and clean," Tendulkar told the Hindu newspaper.

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All rounder Ajay Jadeja and wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia, who were ignored for Australia,



AZHARUDDIN

Graf, Agassi to marry on June 14

HAMBURG, Germany, Feb 13: Tennis stars Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi will marry before the summer, possibly on June 14, Bild newspaper reported today, citing close friends of the couple, reports AFP.

Lawyers for Graf and Agassi are preparing a prenuptial agreement now, the newspaper said.

Agassi, the world's top-ranked player wants to marry Graf in his hometown, Las Vegas. Bild quoted a close friend as saying, adding that he planned "an intimate wedding, with only close friends and family."

In January Graf, former number one in women's tennis, denied reports in the German

press that she and Agassi had married secretly in Hawaii.

In response to a journalist's questions about a possible wedding, Agassi said: "It's going to be a big party with 250 of our closest friends. The ATP and WTA invited the 20 most intelligent and professional journalists from the tour. Unfortunately, you weren't one of them."

The wedding will take place scheduled for May 29 to June 11, and Wimbledon, which begins June 14, Bild said.

June 14 is the likely date for two reasons, according to Bild: First, because it will be exactly one year that the tennis champions have been together, and second, because it is Graf's birthday.

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Nat'l chess qualifiers

Sports Reporter
International Master Abdullah Al Rakib of Biman and Abu Sufian Sakil of Ansar are now jointly leading the race at the end of the seventh round of the Preliminary phase of 26th National Chess Championship, being held at the Federation hall room.

Both Rakib and Sakil collected 6 points each. In this round, Rakib drew with Sawkat Hossain Pallab of Ansar and Sakil beat Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Titas. Six players thronged the second spot, having collected 5.5 points each. They are: Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Iman (Ansar), Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu (Titas), Taibur Rahman Sumon (B.U.E.T.), Sawkat Hossain Pallab (Ansar), Annuul Islam (Leoneine) and Monir Hossain (Leoneine).

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Bangladesh soccer travels to England

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Bangladesh national football team will take on their Indian counterparts in a unique international exhibition match at Villa Park, the home of English Premier League side Aston Villa in Birmingham on July 30.

The trip will be sponsored by Worcestershire-based marketing agent Sapphire Enterprises Limited.

Initially the teams were supposed to play a three-four-match series, but following a meeting last week between Bangladesh Football Federation general secretary Hanur Rashid MP and a representative of Sapphire Enterprises, the idea was scrapped.

All the expenses including air fare will be borne by marketing agent. According to BFF joint-secretary Badal Roy yesterday, the national team will also receive an appearance fee.

Bangladesh is also likely to take part in a four-nation tournament in Maldives next June.

Sri Lanka, India are the other two sides who are likely to take part in the meet.

Reefat wins, Zia loses

Sports Reporter
International Master Ziaur Rahman suffered his first defeat in the 11th Goodricke International Open Chess Tournament being held in Calcutta when he went down to Chinese Grand Master Peng Xiaomin in the seventh round yesterday.

In hunt for his second GM norm, the star Biman player had an excellent unbeaten run against some big names of the meet. But everything went wrong for him when Zia faced the third seeded GM yesterday.

With this defeat, Zia was now left with a tough proposition of collecting at least three points from his remaining four matches.

His fellow IM Reefat-bin-Sattar however had a good day as he beat Gurneet Pal Singh of India. Both Zia and Reefat earned 4 points each on completion of the seventh round.

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Atapattu steers Lankans



KARACHI, Feb 13: Marvan Atapattu hit a sparkling ton as Sri Lanka surprised Pakistan in their first limited-over cricket match at the Karachi National Stadium today, reports AFP.
The Sri Lankans combined well to win by 29 runs and leave a packed crowd of 30,000 home fans disappointed.

The tourists outplayed the hosts in all departments. Once they put up a formidable total of 274 for eight they bowled and fielded brilliantly to carry the day.

Pakistan faltered once again

Pakistan's first boundary after 90 balls, taking 15 off Upul Chandana's over.

Akram hit three fours and a six in his cameo of 20 balls but Muralitharan struck two blows in his eighth over to leave Pakistan at 149-5.

Muralitharan took a spectacular catch off his own bowling to dismiss debutant Imran Abbas for 28.

Younis Khan added a quick-fire 61 off 50 balls with Abdur Razzak but the ten-run asking rate was well beyond Pakistan's reach.

Younis hammered five boundaries during his 41 ball innings.

well for his 27 and helped Atapattu add 56 off 67 balls for third wicket.

For Lankan Pakistan opener Sadiq Mohammad made his debut as umpire.

Arnold who made 277 in Sri Lanka's last one-day series against Zimbabwe failed to take off. He was bowled by Nazir for 2.

Dilshan added a swift 65 off 60 balls with his senior mate for the fifth wicket. Dilshan made 34 off 33 balls with three hits to the ropes.

Atapattu reached three figure mark with a couple of runs off Saqlain. He took 121 balls to reach the milestone.

Atapattu, who also made a ton in the warm up match, later said modestly he played in line with the team strategy.

"I was asked to occupy the crease, I am happy I did the job," he said.

Pacer Shahid Nazir took 3 for 58.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the first one-day international cricket match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka played at the Karachi National Stadium on Sunday:

SRI LANKA
Jayasuriya c Wasim b Yasir Arafat 54
Kaluwitharana lbw b Shahid Nazir 1
Atapattu not out 119
Jayawardene c Imran b Shahid Nazir 27
Arnold b Shahid Nazir 2
Dilshan b Wasim Akram 34
De Saram lbw b Saqlain Mushtaq 5
Chandana c Younis b Saqlain 'tushaq 3
Vaas run out 2
Extras: (lb-15, w-5, nb-7) 27
Total: (For eight wickets in 50 overs) 274

Did not bat: P Wickremasinghe and M Muralitharan
Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-121; 3-177; 4-185; 5-250; 6-259; 7-269; 8-274

Bowler O M R W
Akram 10 0 48 1
Nazir 10 0 58 3
Razaq 9 1 31 0
Saqlain 10 0 60 2
Sohail 6 0 34 0
Arafat 5 0 28 1

PAKISTAN
Anwar lbw b Arnold 36
Sohail run out 47
Imran Abbas c and b Muralitharan 28
Younis Khan run out 6
Akram c Chandana b Muralitharan 23
Mooin c Kaluwitharana b Chandana 13
Younis Khan run out 46
Razaq c Atapattu b Muralitharan 24
Yasir Arafat b Vaas 5
Saqlain c De Saram b Vaas 3
Shahid Nazir not out 0
Extras: (lb-4, w-4, nb-5) 13
Total: (All out in 48 overs) 245

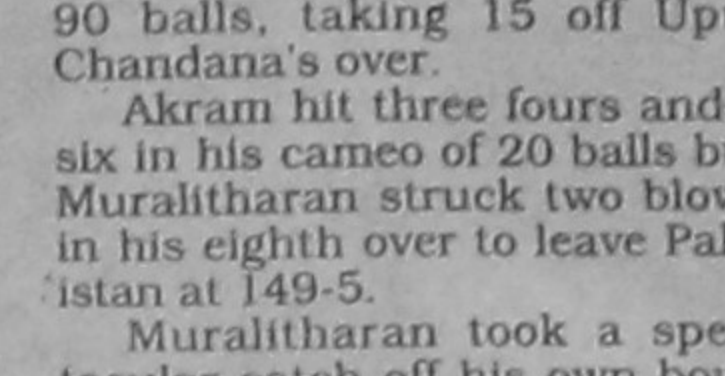
Fall of wickets: 1-71; 2-101; 3-112; 4-147; 5-149; 6-166; 7-227; 8-242; 9-243; 10-245

Bowler O M R W
Vaas 9 0 32 2
Wickremasinghe 10 0 65 0
Arnold 9 0 37 1
Muralitharan 10 0 31 3
Chandana 5 0 38 1
Jayasuriya 5 0 38 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by 29 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Marvan Atapattu (Sri Lanka).
Umpires: Sadiq Mohammad and Salim Badar.
ICC Match Referee: Brian Hastings (New Zealand).

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Shoaib to play in Tests?



KARACHI, Feb 13 (AFP/Reuters): Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar will play in the Test series against touring Sri Lanka, reports AFP.
The 24-year-old pacer, dubbed the "Rawalpindi Express," was earlier banned by the ICC for illegal delivery action on December 30 but was allowed to play in the tri-series in Australia in January after intervention by ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya. He did so on the basis that the bouncer, Shoaib's most contentious delivery, was not allowed in limited overs cricket anyway.

"Naturally we want him in the team because he is a great athlete and a promising young fast bowler."

It was good of Dalmiya to allow him a stint in the tri-series but now it's just a matter of convincing the ICC panel on illegal deliveries," Zia said.

Pakistan meet Sri Lanka in the first Test in Rawalpindi starting February 26.

Zia's view however contrasts with that of Dalmiya at the council's two-day meeting in Singapore which ended last Thursday.

Dalmiya said the PCB would report to the ICC advisory panel on bowling actions about remedial measures to Shoaib's action. The panel would consider the report, and any fresh videotape, before deciding on further action.

"If we think that Shoaib Akhtar's bowling action is alright, we can play him in Tests," Zia argued.

"We are already convinced his action is correct. Besides, some remedial actions have already been taken regarding his bowling action."

Zia said it was not necessary for the PCB to send fresh video footage of Shoaib's bowling action. "I just have to give the ICC my undertaking that his bowling action is correct," he said.

The PCB suspended Shoaib for one match and fined him 200,000 rupees (4,000 US dollars) for violating a disciplinary code during Pakistan's Australian tour last month. He did not play in the opening one-day international against Sri Lanka on Sunday.

Zia maintained Shoaib will have to improve his off and on field behaviour.

"We have told him and all other players that no act of indiscipline will be tolerated, whatever his superstar he may be," he said.

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Khulna cricket

KHULNA, Feb 13: Alphabet Sporting Club made a good start in Basundhara DSA Cup Metropolis Senior Division Cricket League with a 4-wicket victory over New Town Club here today, reports UNB.

New Town were all out for 139 in 41 overs after deciding to bat first at the local circuit house ground.

Taz destroyed the opposition batting line up claiming six wickets conceding only 16 runs in 9 overs with three maidens.

Captain Dulu was the top-scorer for New Town making 30 while Mithu added 26. But their second highest 34 runs came from extras.

In reply, Alphabet reached the target of 140 losing six wickets in 29.5 overs. Chinnu made 44 and Kuti added 32 runs.

Bulbul captured three wickets for 34 runs in 9 overs.

Earlier, secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association Zafar Imam inaugurated the 15-team first ever two-tier league.

NBL v'ball

Power Development Board and Bangladesh Rifles won their respective matches in the National Volleyball League yesterday, reports UNB.

PDB defeated Azad Sporting Club by 3-1 sets while BDR also beat Bangladesh Bank Club with the same margin (3-1).

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