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Column One SPORTS TALK



Martina Hingis
(World number one tennis player)

"I usually have the advantage over other players. Right now, Lindsay Davenport has that over me."

After losing to the American in Masters Series final.

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- What is the name of Sir Stanley Matthews' father?
- Who is FIFA's world player-of-the-year?
- Who is the captain of Blimfin cricket team?

India	Pakistan	Australia
49	50	51
Jack	Stephen	Bill
Rivaldo	Raul	Vieri
Aminul	Faruque	Athar

Jacqui stops opponent

CHESTER, West Virginia, Mar 20 (AP): Joe Frazier watched his daughter win for the second time in a boxing ring. Next, she planned to stand by his side in court.

Jacqui Frazier-Lyde, a Philadelphia lawyer, stopped rookie Annie Brooks 21 seconds into the third round Sunday night.

Today, Frazier-Lyde was scheduled to assist in closing arguments in her father's federal lawsuit accusing police in her hometown of using excessive force when they arrested him on drunken driving charges.

The former heavyweight champion was acquitted in September 1998.

"We hope justice will be done," Frazier-Lyde said.

No sooner had Frazier-Lyde disposed of Brooks than her attention turned to Laila Ali, the 21-year-old daughter of Muhammad Ali who also won her second pro bout in the same ring on November 10.

Promoters are predicting the pair will meet in October to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their famous father's third fight, the Thrilla in Manila won by Ali when Frazier didn't come out for the 15th round.

"We're working on it," promoter Lou Fugazy said. "We're going to do it."

About 1,500 people saw Frazier-Lyde earn three standing eight counts against Brooks, who landed few punches despite being 10 years younger than her 38-year-old opponent.

Brooks, of Hickory, North Carolina, weighed 198 pounds (89.1 kilograms) for the fight, 25 pounds, (11.25 kilograms) more than Frazier-Lyde.

Brooks ducked her head and protected herself with her gloves throughout the bout.

"She was waiting for me to stop punching so she could deliver her punch," Frazier-Lyde said. "I was throwing double jabs to prevent her from doing something."

Zimbabwe closer to win

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Mar 20: Fast-medium bowlers Heath Streak and Henry Olonga shared six wickets on Sunday to carry Zimbabwe to the brink of a historic win over West Indies in their inaugural cricket Test at Queen's Park Oval here, reports AFP.

Streak ended the day with four wickets for 27 runs from 16 overs and Olonga captured two for 28 from 13 overs to leave West Indies floundering at 147 for nine in their second innings at stumps.

They lead by only 98. A 78-run stand between Shivnarine Chanderpaul, whose 49 was the top score, and captain Jimmy Adams for the fourth wicket raised hopes of West Indies possibly saving the match, particularly in light of the unpredictable weather that robbed the day of 100 minutes in the afternoon period.

Three wickets, including both left-handers, in the space of 26 balls between Streak and Olonga however, destroyed any thoughts of such a recovery and have left West Indies facing a disgraceful defeat at the hands of Test cricket's worst side.

Streak however, is not about to predict West Indies' third consecutive defeat at Queen's Park Oval.

"Their lead of around 100 is a total that if we were in the same situation, we would back ourselves to defend it on that pitch because it's hard to score runs on," he said afterwards.

Behind by 49 on first innings, West Indies had a nightmare start when opening batsman Adrian Griffith was lbw and fellow left-hander Chris Gayle was bowled for "ducks" off successive deliveries in the opening over of the day from Streak.

For a fragile batting line-up like West Indies', such state of

affairs could only be traumatic and, for the rest of the day, the Zimbabwean bowlers kept up the pressure with tight, purposeful bowling.

Occasionally, there was a flurry of runs from the West Indies batsman, but it was all infrequent and Zimbabwe kept tightening the screws.

Opening batsman Sherwin Campbell and Chanderpaul played a few strokes in the early parts of their innings to get West Indies moving.

Always thinking, Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower made sure runs were at a premium for the West Indies.

The introduction of fast-medium bowler Mpuumelelo Mbangwa and leg-spin bowler Brian Murphy stemmed the flow as the two batsmen endured a lean period.

Mbangwa conceded six runs from his first seven overs and Murphy 12 runs from his first eight overs.

Trying to break free after being kept scoreless for close to half-hour, Campbell was run out when he overbalanced playing a flick at Murphy and Murray Goodwin, alert at short leg, hit the stumps with an under-arm throw.

For most of the morning, the clouds hovered over the ground and, just prior to the interval, they finally opened to drive the players off for a slightly earlier than usual lunch with West Indies 53 for three.

The rain forced a delayed start to the afternoon period, but Chanderpaul and Adams batted doggedly through the 55 minutes available to them for West Indies to take tea at 95 for three.

Things fell apart for West Indies after the break. From a position of 115 for three, they lost their next six wickets for 32 runs, once more emphasising the brittleness of their batting.

Olonga broke through for Zimbabwe when Adams square

drove into the lap of cover-point fielder Brian Murphy after batting just over 2 1/2 hours for 27 off 117 balls.

"I don't think I played the best shot in the world," Adams remarked. "When you have a partnership that is blossoming, the onus is to make sure it keeps going for as long as possible."

Next over, Chanderpaul was undone by a full-pitch from Streak to be adjudged lbw after batting just over four hours to strike five fours from 174 balls.

There was neither substance nor stability from the rest of the West Indies and they returned on Monday hoping for either a shower or a miraculous comeback to save them from another humiliation for a team that during the 1970s, 1980s and the early 1990s was considered the best in the world.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day the first Test between West Indies and Zimbabwe at Queen's Park Oval here Sunday:

WEST INDIES: First innings	187			
ZIMBABWE: First innings	236			
WEST INDIES: Second innings	0			
Griffith lbw b Streak	23			
Campbell run out (Goodwin)	23			
Gayle b Streak	49			
Chanderpaul lbw b Streak	27			
Adams c Murphy b Olonga	9			
Hinds run out (Olonga)	0			
Jacobs lbw b Olonga	15			
Ambrose c Johnson b Murphy	1			
Rose c A Flower b Streak	9			
Ring not out	1			
Walsh not out	0			
Extras: (b-11, lb-6, W-3, nb-8)	28			
Total (9 wks in 74 overs)	147			
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-0; 3-37; 4-115; 5-115; 6-118; 7-119; 8-142; 9-146				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	16	7	27	4
Olonga	13	3	28	2
Mbangwa	15	3	15	0
Murphy	15	3	23	1
Johnson	4	0	18	0
Gripper	2	0	6	0
G Flower	9	4	13	0

Langer warms up well

NAPIER, New Zealand, Mar 20 (AFP/Reuters): Justin Langer scored 79, taking his tour average to 68.6, as Australia drew their three-day cricket match against Central Districts here Monday.

The captains agreed to end play 30 minutes early with Australia 186-4 in their second innings, chasing a victory target of 274 after the home team declared after lunch at 320-9 in their second innings.

Australia head for Wellington Tuesday to finalise preparations for Friday's second Test against New Zealand at the Basin Reserve.

Damen Fleming has overcome a nagging knee problem but he might not oust Colin Miller in the Test side.

Waugh indicated Miller was likely to retain his position even though Fleming surged through his three-day fitness test against Central Districts, bagging match figures of 8-76.

The swing bowler was not considered for last week's first Test triumph because of tendonitis in his left knee.

Waugh said he expected the Wellington wicket to respond to Miller's off-spin, enabling the 36-year-old to probably edge out Fleming.

"You like to go in with a winning team and Colin has been our best bowler in the last two Tests he's played," Waugh said.

"It would be unfortunate for him to miss out, but we'll have a look at the wicket. I have a feeling it will turn down there as

well."

Fleming said he was ready if needed.

"I bowled 35 overs and I could have bowled more so there's no reason why I wouldn't be available for the next Test," he added.

Miller claimed his first five wicket haul in last week's Test triumph, terrorising New Zealand at times on the turning Eden Park wicket.

Hamilton 4-76, Penn 3-59).

CENTRAL DISTRICTS: Second innings

Kelly c Gilchrist b Kasprovic	67			
Spearman c S Waugh b Fleming	16			
Sinclair lbw Kasprovic	75			
Sulzberger c M Waugh b Miller	21			
Douglas c Langer b Kasprovic	0			
Oram c Gilchrist b Fleming	78			
Sigley c Gilchrist b Fleming	12			
Furlong c Gilchrist b Lee	2			
Penn lbw b Lee	0			
Mason not out	30			
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, nb-11)	19			
Total: (For nine dec in 110.5 overs)	320			
Did not bat: L Hamilton				
Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-164; 3-177; 4-178; 5-227; 6-249; 7-256; 8-256; 9-320				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Fleming	21.5	5	55	3
Kasprovic	29	8	73	3
Miller	25	8	86	1
Blewett	8	2	22	0
Martyn	4	1	11	0
Lee	15	2	35	2
Hayden	8	0	30	0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings

Blewett c Sigley b Hamilton	14			
Hayden c Sigley b Penn	1			
Langer c Sigley b Hamilton	79			
S Waugh c Furlong b Hamilton	6			
Martyn not out	8			
Gilchrist not out	8			
Extras: (b-3, nb-14)	17			
Total: (For four wickets in 43 overs)	186			
Did not bat: M Waugh, D Fleming, C Miller, M Kasprovic, B Lee				
Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-48; 3-63; 4-160				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Penn	10	1	48	1
Hamilton	16	1	67	3
Furlong	12	0	49	0
Sulzberger	1	0	1	0
Oram	4	0	18	0

Result: Match drawn.



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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day match between Australia and Central Districts on Monday:

CENTRAL DISTRICTS: First innings 160 all out (M Douglas 30; Fleming 5-21)

AUSTRALIA: First innings 207 all out (M Waugh 93 not out;

Lankan boss clears the air

COLOMBO, Mar 20: Sri Lanka's sports minister S B Disanayake has denied that President Chandrika Kumaratunga was interfering with the crisis-ridden Cricket Control Board, reports AFP.

Disanayake told a weightlifting championship in central Sri Lanka Saturday that he would quit if the President tried to interfere with cricket, the Daily Mirror here reported.

"People say that I am in conflict with the President over the running of the affairs of the Cricket Board," the minister was quoted as saying.

"The President does not know about cricket and she has no interest in it."

"But the day that she interferes in its affairs I will resign."

Neither the minister nor the sports ministry here was immediately available for comment.

The minister's reported remarks came four days after President Kumaratunga said businessmen should not be involved in running Sri Lankan cricket's ruling body.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) had not been audited "in any se-

rious way for many years" and it had become an "interesting place for people to reside in," Kumaratunga said.

She said she wanted retired cricketers or sportsmen to run the cricket board which had an income of 800 million rupees (10.9 million dollars).

Sun set to make Asian history

KUALA LUMPUR, Mar 20: China's Sun Wen has become the first woman to be nominated as player-of-the-year in the Asian Football Confederation Annual Awards, the confederation said Monday in a statement, reports AP.

Sun, winner of the "Golden Shoe" at last year's Women's World Cup, joins Iran's Ali Daei, Japan's Hidetoshi Nakata and Masashi Nakayama, South Korea's Hwang Sun Hong, and Kuwait's Bashir Abdullah in the list of nominees.

The winner will be announced in Beirut, Lebanon on April 6.

The statement said Sun was nominated for her performance as captain of the Chinese team which reached the final of the Women's World Cup in the United States. The hosts beat China in a penalty shoot-out.

Elections to the cricket board last year were marred by allegations of violence and rigging and following a court challenge, sports minister Disanayake appointed an interim board to run the cricket administration.

However, that panel also ran into rough weather recently over differences with the sports minister. Fresh elections due this year have been postponed indefinitely.

A close relative of Kumaratunga contested last year's elections but was defeated by a businessman who was the incumbent president of the Board. That election is now the subject of a court case.

Cricket is extremely popular in Sri Lanka and the game has attracted hefty sponsorships following the country's 1996 World Cup win.

Munz recovering

SYDNEY, Mar 20: Leading Australian swimmer Lori Munz has made solid progress from injuries suffered in a car crash last week and may be back in the pool as early as next week, her doctor said today, reports Reuters.

Munz suffered a broken right kneecap, fractured left knee and chest injuries in the accident south of Sydney.

BFF's new calendar

No NFL this year?

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday revealed its annual calendar for the Year 2000 without including the National Football League.

The Nitul-Tata first National Football League 1999, has now entered the final phase and likely to finish in the first week of next month.

But the BFF, the organisers of the league who are supposed to hold another league, has not marked the national league in its new calendar.

"We will hold the next league in early 2001," said BFF joint-secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu without elaborating any reason for the delay.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh national team will tour Maldives and England this year.

Maldives will host a four-nation invitational tournament in May. Regional powers India and Sri Lanka are expected to take part along with the hosts.

Besides, an under-16 team will take part in the Asian Championship qualifiers in India. The date for the qualifiers is yet to be announced by the All India Football Federation.

Also two international tournaments will be staged here -- the third SAFF Championship and the third Bangabandhu Cup. The date for SAFF Championship has not yet been finalised while the Bangabandhu Cup will be held between December and January 2000.

The Asian under-19 qualifiers are going to be held in Dhaka in July.

According to the calendar, the inter-club transfer for the Dhaka Premier and First Division leagues which originally scheduled for August to October, will now be held next month. The Federation Cup will be held in June and July.

The calendar also includes a first-ever office league which will start in the last week of May.

The Sher-e-Bangla National Football Championship will commence in April which will continue up to May.

Tri-Nation tourney Bangladesh A in final

Sports Reporter

An unbeaten half century from middle order Rajin Saleh and a superb all-round performance from Mushfiqur Rahman, guided Bangladesh A to an exciting one-wicket win over hosts Malaysia in the tri-nation tournament at Kuala Lumpur yesterday, according to a fax received here last night.

With this win, Bangladesh A secured a place in the final.

Rajin, the talented right hand batsman scored an undefeated 52 as Bangladesh A chasing a not so impressive

Brief Scores

Bangladesh A v Malaysia
Venue: Royal Selangor Club
Malaysia: 143 all out in 50 overs (Mushfiq 4/25, Naimur 2/14, Rafique 2/26, Ashrafur 1/25, Monjurul 1/26)

Bangladesh A: 144 for 9 in 38.2 overs (Rajin 52 n.o., Mushfiq 27, Sanwar 14, Ashrafur 13)
Result: Bangladesh 'A' won by one wicket.

Malaysia total of 143, reached 144 in 38.2 overs with only one wicket in hand.

Rajin was ably helped by all-rounder Mushfiq who chipped in with 27. Among others, middle order Sanwar Hossain and Ashrafur scored 14 and 13 runs respectively for the winners.

Earlier batting first, Malaysia were shot out for a low total in the face of some fired up pace bowling from Mushfiq who returned with four for 25. Mushfiq apart, captain Naimur Rahman and left arm spinner Mohammad Rafique evenly shared four wickets.

Bangladesh had earlier beaten Malaysia by 97runs in their opening match of the double header.

In their last match of the two-leg first round, Bangladesh will face Namibia today. The first match between Bangladesh and Namibia was washed out due to rain on Saturday.

Zimbabwe need 99 for victory

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Mar 20: West Indies were dismissed for 147 in their second innings and have set Zimbabwe only 99 to win their inaugural cricket Test at Queen's Park Oval on Monday here, reports AFP.

Before a near empty stadium, fast-medium bowler Heath Streak needed just three minutes and six balls to make Reon King edge a ball moving away to wicketkeeper Andy Flower, the Zimbabwe captain, to end the West Indies' innings.



Spanish hockey players start to celebrate after scoring a 3-2 victory against Pakistan in the Olympic qualifying tournament in Osaka yesterday. —AFP photo

Spain beat Pakistan

OSAKA, Japan, Mar 20: Spain ran circles around Pakistan's defence to win the final of the Olympic field hockey qualifying tournament 3-2 here on Monday, reports AFP.

Spain, silver-medalists at the Atlanta Games four years ago, put their rivals under pressure with a 2-0 lead in the first-half.

Pakistan's ace penalty corner specialist Sohail Abbas scored both his team's goals to emerge the leading scorer of the tournament with 13, three more than second-placed Jorge Lombi of Argentina.

But Pakistan suffered a setback when Imran Yousuf missed a penalty stroke in the 22nd minute as his scoop to the right was saved by goalkeeper Ramon Jufresa.

Eduard Tubau put Spain up in the 17th minute with a solo run from the 25-yard circle soon after coming on as a substitute.

Xavier Ribas converted a penalty corner three minutes before the interval to make it 2-0.

Abbas, whose lone penalty

corner in the first-half hit the crossbar, narrowed the margin in the 42nd minute -- only to see Xavier Arnau score Spain's third goal soon after.

Abbas found the net again one minute before the final whistle, but there was no time left for a repeat of the thrilling 4-4 draw by the two teams earlier in the league.

Pakistani coach Islahuddin Siddiqui said the missed penalty stroke cost his side dearly.

"It could have been 1-1 and anything could have happened after that," he said.

"But this is all part of the game. Spain played a better game today and gave us things to remember before the Olympics."

Earlier, South Korea finished third in the 12-nation tournament with a 2-1 win over Poland in the match between the losing semifinalists.

The Koreans, winners of the fairplay award, led 2-0 at half-time through field goals by Hwang Jong-Hyun and captain Kang Keon-Wook.

After a lacklustre second half, Poland reduced the margin to one goal before the final whistle when Rafael

Grotowski scored off a penalty corner.

"We would have preferred to be at home celebrating our entry into the Olympics," said Polish star Piotr Mikula, who was named player of the tournament for his five goals against Britain which helped his team qualify for the Olympics after 20 years.

The tournament threw up six qualifiers for the Sydney Games -- Spain, Pakistan, South Korea, Poland, Britain and Malaysia.

The field will be completed at Sydney by holders Holland, hosts Australia and the continental champions India, Germany, Canada and South Africa.

Argentina, who finished seventh here, could also go through if the South African Olympic Committee stands by its decision not to send the men's team to the Games.

Switzerland defeated Belarus 4-1 in the play-off for the 11-12 positions, Belgium took the ninth place with a 1-0 win over New Zealand.

Britain had finished fifth on Sunday ahead of Malaysia. Argentina were seventh and hosts Japan eighth.

Premiership

Leeds stay in the running

LONDON, March 20: Leeds United closed the gap on leaders Manchester United at the top of the English

Premiership on Sunday after thrashing Wimbledon 4-1 at Elland Road, reports AFP.

Leeds' win gave them 60 points, four less than United, with nine games left to play.

Jason Euell gave the visitors a shock lead before Norwegian Eirik Bakke netted twice and Ian Harte scored from the penalty spot to give the hosts a two-goal advantage at half-time.

Australian international Harry Kewell completed the scoring with seven minutes to go.