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shortly afterwards Who is the number one women' tennis player?

Hings Davenport Who won the United Insurance PM

break Kapil Dev's world record? Who was adjudged man-of-the series in the West Indies-Zimbabwa

How many Tests did Walsh need to

Walsh Who are the First Division cricked champions?

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Anna Kournikova (Russian tennis star)

"I just started. I have may be 10 years more. I think I'll accomplish some-

thing.

On how long she would take to win a WTA tour title.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Apr 22: Nazrul Pathagar and Club defeated Bandhumahal Ekadash by 143 runs while Brothers Club outplayed Western Club by 121 runs in the First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today. Nazrul Pathagar collected 216 runs losing all the wickets

in 37.4 overs. Rubel scored 57 and was adjudged man-of-the-match.

In reply, Bandhumahal made only 73 runs losing all the wickets in 14.4 overs. On the other match, Broth-

ers scored 244 runs losing only 3 crickets in the stipulated 40 overs.

Faruk made a sparkling 100 and was adjudged man-of-thematch.

In reply. Western Club made 123 runs losing all the wickets

in 34.1 overs. Nat'l age-group athletics in May

Sports Reporter

The 18th national age-group athletics championships will be held in the third week of next month at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The championships will be held in two groups--under-16 and under -20.

Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Apr 22: Mohammedan Sporting Club defeated Helenabad Colony Sporting Club 5-0 in the Rajshahi First Division Football Super League played at the Rajshahi

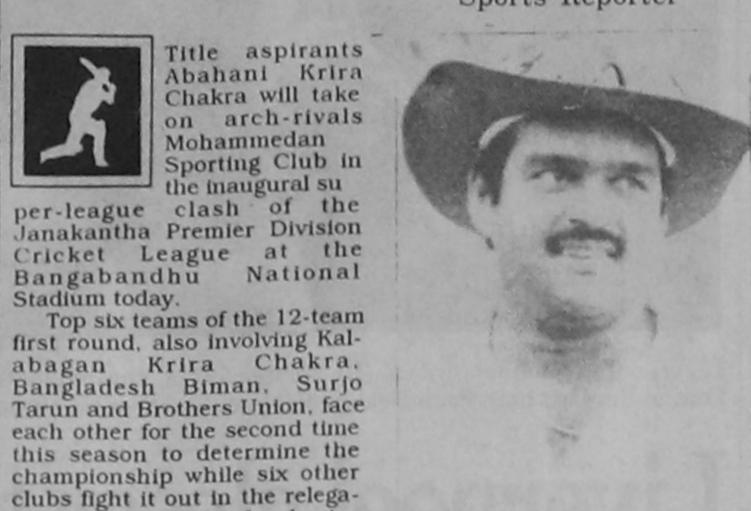
district stadium today. Royal opened the account at the 24th minute in the first

Mitul added another goal in the 31st minute. Royal scored his second goal in the 32nd minute. In the second half, Biplob scored the fourth goal at 49th minute. The last goal was netted by Royal at the 75th

minute. Alide Club will take on Heunbad Colony Sporting Ciub tonorrow at the same venue.

Column One Clash of the titans

Sports Reporter



AKRAM KHAN

and Waqas Ahmed are yet to confirm when they will return to the Dhanmondi outfit.

On the other hand Mohammedan, who are almost out of the title race with four defeats bolstered their batting line-up by flying in veteran Pakistani Ijaz Ahmed on Thursday.

Ijaz is best remembered slamming a double century in the Asian Test Championship final last year.

Besides, Sri Lankans Hashan Tillekeratne and either Duleep Samaraweera or Ruwan Kalpage are expected to play.

Tomorrow Kalabagan Krira Chakra will take on Brothers | which will be held on May 10. Union while Biman will meet Surjo Tarun Club on Tuesday.

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SUPER LEA	AGUE	POIN	NTS TA	ABLE
Teams	M	W	L	Pts
Abahani KC	11	11	0	22 (+1.80)
Kalabagan	11	8	3	16 (+.66)
Biman	11	8	3	16 (+.58)
Surjo Tarun	11	8	3	16 (+.34)
Brothers Union	11	7	4	14 (+.58)
Mohammedan SC	11	7	4	14 (+.39)
Note: Net run-rate has be	en show	n in the l	brackets.	

INTERESTING STATS

Following are some interesting statistics from the first final of the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy between Pakistan and the West Indies at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados on April 19:

tion league which also begins

today at the Dhanmondi

matches started at 9:30 am, but

the super-league matches will

commence half an hour earlier.

first round matches, can only

field two out of their five Pak-

istani recruits--left-arm spin-

ners Mohammed Hussain and

Abdur Rahman of Pakistan.

Amir Wasim has already gone

home and Ijaz Ahmed junior

Although, all first round

Abahani, who won all eleven

Mohammedan

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Stadium today.

Cricket Stadium.

It was the 1593rd ODI in cricket history. It was Pakistan's 466th and

West Indies' 398th match. It was the 93rd ODI between these two sides. The record now reads: West Indies 58, Pakistan

33. Tied 2. It was the 14th ODI between these two sides on West Indian soil. The record now reads: West Indies 10, Pakistan 3, Tied 1.

Umpires Billy Doctrove and Eddie Nicholls were officiating in their seventh and 21st match respectively.

Sylvester Joseph was making his debut for West Indies. Now a total of 99 players have represented West Indies in the shorter version of the game at the highest level.

The match was 50th for Curtly Ambrose in West Indies. He now holds the record of making most ODI appearances in West Indies along with fellow

fast bowler Courtney Walsh. The wicket of Shahid Afridi was 228th for Curtly Ambrose, which took him past Courtney Walsh's record tally of 227 wickets for West Indies. Am-

brose was playing his 177th

match as against Walsh's 205. Inzamamul Haq, on 3, completed his 7000 runs in his 219th match and 208th innings. He became fourth Pakistani and tenth batsman overall to have done so. At 30 years 47 days Inzamam became second youngest after India's Sachin Tendulkar (25 years 74 days) to reach this mark. The previous record for Pakistan was on the name of Saeed Anwar who was 31 years 151 days old while completing his

7000th run. The ninth wicket unbroken partnership of 53 runs between Wasim Akrain and Mushtaq Ahmed was Pakistan's best for this wicket against West Indies -- home or away. This expunged previous record partnership of 41° runs between Ijaz Faqih and Rashid Khan at Adelaide on 28against West Indies in West In- win 20 awards.

dies was paltry 11 runs between Rashid Latif and Ataur Rehman

at Kingstown on 30-03-1993. The catch of Curtly Ambrose was fourth for Shoaib Malik as a substitute, which takes him past Hassan Raza, Mohammad Wasim and Mushtaq Ahmed's tally of three catches. Now only Shoaib Mohammad (7) and Asif Mujtaba (6) have taken more catches as a substitute for Pakistan.

runs was the second lowest that West Indies failed to achieve on home soil. The lowest, however, still remains as 159 set by New Zealand at Georgetown on 03-04- 1996. West Indies had then lost by four runs. Moin Khan has now captained Pakistan in five matches

The victory target of 198

against West Indies, which equalled New Zealand's Lee Germon's record of most matches by a wicketkeeper captain against West Indies. Wasim Akram won Man-ofthe-match award for 20th time

in his career. He became second 01-1984. Incidentally the pre- Pakistani after Saeed Anwar vious record stand for Pakistan (23) and tenth player overall to

Inzamamul Hag, on 34, completed his 1000 runs against West Indies in his 33rd match. He became fifth Pakistani and eighth batsman in the world to do so. The following table has the details:

Batsman	Country	Mts	Inns	NO	Ave	Hs	100	50	0
Javed Miandad	Pak	64	64	7	33.85	100	1	12	4
Rameez Raja	Pak	53	53	3	32.48	104*	2	8	3
Alan Border	Pak	61	60	6	28.62	127*	1	9	3
Mark Waugh	Aus	41	40	1	33.43	102	1	9	2
Imran Khan	Pak	49	47	11	33.38	77	0	8	1
Salim Malik	Pak	46	43	5	27.57	85	0	7	5
Steve Waugh	Aus	46	45	7	27.28	72*	0	5	1
Inzaniamul Haq	Pak	33	32	2	34.40	90*	0	10	2

Ronaldo vows to return



Source: Internet

MILAN, Apr 22 Reuters): Ronaldo rowed today he would be great again once he had recovered from

his latest knee injury. "I'll go to Brazil to recuperate. I'd really like a quiet time for the next few months," the Inter Milan and Brazil striker told a news conference in the courtyard of his Milan home. "But when I get back on the

pitch, I want to be back on top." Ronaldo, 23, returned home on Friday from Paris after his second operation inside five

months. He tore a tendon after playing for only six minutes of an Italian Cup final first leg against Lazio two weeks ago. The game was to have been his triumphant comeback after months sidelined through in-

Distraught and grimacing with pain, Ronaldo was carried off. They were not just tears of pain but tears for five months of work chucked away in five minutes," he said.

Windies 208/8

Sports Reporter

Opener Sherwin Campbell scored a brilliant half-century to guide West Indies to a fighting total against Pakistan in the second final of the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy tri-nation series at the Queen's Park Oval in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad last night

Campbell, the right-hander hit 77 as the hosts scored 208 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs after winning the toss.

Middle-order batsman Chris Gayle added 33. Hard-hitting Ricardo Powell slammed a rapid 21 while Wavel Hinds chipped in with 24. Pakistani fast bowler Wasim

Akram captured three wickets for 34 runs while Abdur Razzak took two for 42. Pakistan lead the best-of-

three finals 1-0.

Ronaldo, who had come on eight months. as a substitute in the match, had been running with the ball when he collapsed.

I'd gone through that movement hundreds of times," he said.

He first partially tore the tendon in an Italian league match last November. The second injury was far more serious and ruptured the tendon com-

Gerard Saillant, the surgeon who operated on Ronaldo, said his explosive running style had exacerbated fragility in his ligaments, but he was sure the former world player of the year would be back as good as ever once the injury had healed. Inter Milan have said

Ronaldo will be out for up to

Dressed in a tracksuit and

green cap and with his right leg stretched out and resting on a "I'd done a lot of training and stool, Ronaldo looked subdued and shrugged off with irritation a question that a recent weight gain had contributed to his in-"It's not the time to talk

about that," he said. He said he was looking forward to spending time at home with his two-week-old son

Ronald. "After the disappointment of this serious injury, it's good to

be at home. Time passes faster and I feel better," he said. He thanked the fans who had sent get-well wishes, as well his club. "But I'd rather thank them on the pitch," he said.

ports UNB. The match was locked in 1-1 point in the first half.

Fire Service A defeated Police B 7-4 after dominating the first half by 5-3 at the same venue. Army A will play Dilkusha SC while Rifles B will take on

Police B today.



I'M FINE: Inter Milan superstar Ronaldo gives thumbs-up during a press conference in Milan yesterday. He arrived in the Italian city on April 21 from Paris where he had an -AFP photo operation on his knee.

Maldives tourney

Bangladesh open against India

Bangladesh will play their opening match against India in the four-nation Golden Jubilee football tournament in Maldives on May 2, reports UNB.

The SAF Games champions Bangladesh will take on hosts Maldives on May 4 and face Sri Lanka in their last encounter on May 7.

The national football team along with five officials will leave for Male on April 29 to participate in the tournament beginning from May 1.

The participating nations are: Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and the hosts Maldives. Two top teams of the preliminary round will reach final

FIXTURE May 1: Maldives vs Sri Lanka May 2: Bangladesh vs India May 3: Rest day May 4: Maldives vs Bangladesh

May 5: Sri Lanka vs India May 6: Rest day May 7: Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh May 8: Maldives vs India May 9: Rest day

May 10: Final

Bacher rigid

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 22: South African cricket chief Ali Bacher today refused to bow to International Cricket Council calls for him to retract allegations of match-fixing at last year's World Cup, reports

Reuters "There'll be an opportunity in London behind closed doors on Tuesday week for an honest and open discussion on the issue," Bacher said in reference to an emergency ICC meeting on May 2 and 3 to discuss match-

South African newspapers quoted ICC president Jagmoghan Dalmiya as saying: " am waiting for a retraction on the World Cup match-fixing charges, otherwise he (Bacher) will have to explain why he went public with his allega-

The Australian newspaper on Thursday ran a front page article after an interview with Bacher, chief executive of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, saying he alleged two World Cup matches were fixed, at least one umpire was involved in match-fixing and serious doubts had been raised about others.

In a subsequent telephone interview Bacher told Reuters that over the years former players "of integrity" had told him international matches had been fixed.

Bacher has not named any of the players or specified the matches in question.

His comments follow the sacking of South African captain Hansie Cronje after he admitted taking money from a bookmaker last January.

Cronje and three teammates have also been accused by Indian police of match-fixing during a one-day series between India and South Africa in March. They have denied the accusa-

Premier kabadi

Holders Bangladesh Police A maintained their all-win record in the 6th Premier Division Kabadi League beating Sonali Bank Club by 17-4 with one lona at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court yesterday, re-

In the day's other match,



Mohammedan skipper Athar Ali Khan (L) talks to his newest teammate Ijaz Ahmed, the Pakistani Test player who joined the giants on Thursday to bolster their batting, during a training session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Mohammedan take on arch-rivals Abahani in a crucial Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match - Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Javed ponders legal action



Javed Akhtar, Pakistan's former Test player, and a former ICC Panel Umpire, is contemplating legal

action against recent articles in the Australian press that have cast aspersions on his integrity. In an exclusive conversation, Akhtar, who made his Test debut for Pakistan against

England in 1962 and his Test umpiring debut in 1980, categorically stated he 'was in consultation with his legal advisor and will follow his solicitor's suggestions'. Akhtar, who was Pakistan's nominee to the ICC Panel of Umpires in 1998-99, and officiated-matches at Johannesburg

and Leeds in 1998, termed the

allegations as 'absurd, rubbish

and totally devoid of truth'.

"Never ever in my umpiring career, financial or other temptations have affected my decisions" went on to state a somewhat agitated Akhtar. He did concede a decision or two was not taken well by the affected team, but "it was more

The former Pakistan offspinner, who played first-class cricket between 1959-1971 before donning the umpiring whites, added emphatically that never once was any dissatisfaction conveyed by the rival

due a human error than any-

captains or others involved in his supervised matches. His 19 years stint as a Test and ODI umpire was an endorsement of his acceptance as an umpire of substance and integrity. Akhtar officiated in 19 home Test matches and stood in the middle 49 times in the limited-

been offered any financial or other incentive. Akhtar not only denied it but suggested his



well nigh impossible to term

any match as being absolutely clean, umpiring wise, as no team whole-heartedly accepts a borderline decision. He referred to Mervyn Kitchen (England) coming under unwarranted lambasting by the losing side and the media over his umpiring in South Africa in 1998. On another question as to

overs version. On being asked if he had ever why this unwarranted heartburn takes place, Akhtar said that "this so happens because each and every team hates to



JAVED AKHTAR

life style and bank balance could be examined to determine his honesty and his being above-board in cricketing interactions. To another question. Akhtar stated that it is

both English umpires were objected to by Pakistan teams touring England. "Yes, the English err too" stated Akhtar and noted the Gooch reprieve in Rakistan's 1992 tour where photographs showed the England captain short of his crease by yards and yet was declared 'not out' by the local English

lose". He wanted cricket follow-

ers to recall those matches

where Constant and Palmer.

umpire. Akhtar, now in retirement due to failing health, has also authored a book titled 'Laws of Cricket' in Urdu in 1985-86. well received by the locals, gen-

erally poor in English. Reliable sources close to PCB have disclosed that Yawar Saeed, Member PCB advisory board, has indicated that the PCB will present their response to these allegations in the scheduled ICC meeting at Lord's in the first week of May, 2000.

Ranji Trophy final

Mumbai on verge of victory



Ranji Trophy champions at the

close of fourth day's play at the Wankhede Stadium here today. The day was simply divided into two parts. Everything that happened up to tea, and the post tea session. In another light, the period during which Hyderabad harboured hopes of a miraculous victory and the period after they decided it was a lost cause. Whichever way one looks at it. Mumbai were moving in for the kill at the end of the day in the Ranji Trophy final at the Wankhede stadium on Saturday. Hyderabad have nothing to play for from their

position of 251/7. Hyderabad batted with determination. That's the bottom line. Though there has been ample talk about how they have absolutely no hope whatsoever in this game and that they don't have the big guns in their batting line up. That might very well be true. However, what must be granted is that they went through to lunch losing sinst one wicket. Nandakishore was the only

casualty when he was undone by a well pitched delivery from Ajit Agarkar. Bowling with good pace, Agarkar managed to trap the opener in just the fourth over of the day. His opening spell of 5-2-7-1 had the crowd roaring in anticipation of a Hyderabad collapse. However, Daniel Manohar and VVS Laxman refused to be cowed down. Abey Kuruvilla opening the bowling in his last match did his job efficiently. He took the ball for a longer spell

than most expected, finishing

with 9-1-24-0. Daniel Manohar

was circumspect to start with,

leaving the ball well. He knew

exactly where his off stump was

the ball closer to the stumps. form. Though he chose to be tea however, Hyderabad lost more careful than usual, Lax- their way completely. Hamman played some exquisite pered by the fact that Mo-

strokes in his stay at the crease. When the ball was short he was in position quickly, never afraid to take the aerial route while pulling. His drives through the off side lit up the eyes of the Hyderabad dressing room and put at least a sliver of uncertainty in the minds of the Mumbai team.

When Laxman edged a ball from Kuruvilla straight to Sachin Tendulkar at slip he had just six runs to his name. The ball came to Tendulkar at a comfortable height, went straight to his hands and popped out. For someone who is usually a safe catcher at first slip it was a bad miss.

After lunch, more good batting by Hyderabad saw them solidify their position. Laxman and Manohar seemed to have understood the situation rather well. Manohar made a brilliant century on debut against Karnataka three years ago and since has failed to impress. Though he looks good out in the the scores to back him up.

Laxman made most of the runs in the partnership, being the more fluent of the two batsmen. The Hyderabad dressing room was on its feet when he brought up his century off 161 balls. His knock included two big sixes against spinner Rajesh Pawar in addition to 12 boundaries. Both sixes were effortlessly struck from the

crease, all timing. Keeping to medium-pacers all day Samir Dighe took a fair thumping. In the 46th over of the day. Ajit Agarkar's 11th, Dighe was struck particularly hard and winced in pain. From the confines of the press box, it appeared as though Dighe had split the webbing on his left hand. Vinod Kambli who had fielded exceptionally well all

At tea, Hyderabad were proceeding steadily on with 194/1 and forced the bowlers to bring on the board. Manohar was on a patient unbeaten 66 while Lax-Laxman was in a rich vein of man had 111 to his name. After

day, donned the gloves.

hammed Azharuddin could bat only after five wickets had fallen. Hyderabad succumbed meekly. Azhar was off the field most of yesterday with an injury to his thigh and this meant that he could only come in late

in the order. Laxman, resuming on his tea score of 111, skied a catch to substitute fielder Amit Dani. Nelson had struck again. There was little hope for Hyderabad after Laxman was dismissed and this showed in their approach to batting. Laxman had been positive while being guarded and this gave the batsmen some confidence. His demise brought Vanka Pratap to the crease.

Manohar, who had battled hard for over 300 minutes, fell to the spin of Rajesh Pawar. The left armer bowled Manohar when he was on 71. At this stage. Hyderabad were 202/3 and still relatively well placed. However, the batsmen who followed showed no conviction middle he simply does not have whatsoever. This reflected clearly on the scorecard as Hyderabad slipped to 240/7.

> little. Playing a forward defensive stroke to Pawar, Azhar ended up ballooning a catch to the fielder under the helmet at silly mid off. At the end of the day, Hyder-

Azharuddin could do precious

Even the experienced

abad were tottering and there is very little left for Mumbai to do but drive the nails into the Hyderabad coffin.

SCOREBOARD MUMBAI: First innings: 376 all out in 113.2 overs [Vinod

Kambli 108, Parash Mhambrey

75, Sachin Tendulkar 53,

Wasim Jaffer 32: Raju 4/110, Ahmed 3/73, Singh 3/74) HYDERABAD: First innings: 195 all out in 64.4 overs (M Azharuddin 76, VVS Laxman 46, Satwalker 30; Agarkar 3/26.

Pawar 3/44, Saxena 2/46) MUMBAI: Second innings: 409 all out in 89.3 overs (Tendulkar 128, Kambli 56, Jaffer 55. Dighe 46. Paranjpe 42; Raju 5/123, Kanwaljit Singh

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