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April 28, 2000 and draw
shortly afterwards

1 Who is the number one women's
tennis player?

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2 Who won the United Insurance IM
chess title?

Refaat Zia Aung

3 How many Tests did Walsh need to
break Kapil Dev's world record?

114 115 116

4 Who was adjudged man-of-the-
series in the West Indies-Zimbabwe
Test?

Rose Walsh Adams

5 Who are the First Division cricket
champions?

Dhanmondi Y Cricketers Khelaghar

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SPORTS TALK

Sir Don Bradman

(Australian cricket legend)

"I'm very honoured to have

been selected as one of the five

Wisden cricketers of the cen-

tury."

Wari celebration

Indian paddlers

pick team

title

Visiting Indian paddlers

clinched the men's team title of

the Wari Club Centenary Cele-

bration Table Tennis tourna-

ment beating local giants,

Bangladesh Biman by 3-2 sets

at the NSC wooden floor gym-

nasium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the final, Shuvom (India)

beat Kochi (Biman) 21-18, 21-

17; Anirban (Biman) overcame

Rochi (Biman) 21-13, 21-18;

Mustafa (Biman) defeated

Jayanta (Biman) 21-19, 21-18;

Roehi (Biman) overpowered

Shuvom (India) 21-16, 21-13

and Anirban (India) beat Kochi

(Biman) 21-17, 21-9.

Earlier in the semifinals,

Indian team eliminated hosts

Wari Club by 3-0 sets

while Bangladesh Biman out-

played Armanitola Judo

Sangha also by the same mar-

gin at the same venue.

Besides, four Biman players

Tumpa, Saleha, Ratna and

Rumi reached the women's sin-

gles semifinals while Parag,

Tirtha and Jewel of Biman and

Hasan of Narail moved into the

boys' singles semifinals.

The final matches of the

men's, women's and boys' sin-

gles will be held today at 11.30

am.

State Minister for Informa-

tion Prof Abu Sayeed is ex-

pected to be present as chief

guest in the closing function.

Asian U-16 C'ship

BFF reduces

100 to 68

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federa-

tion (BFF) has selected 68 play-

ers primarily for the Asian U-



The Bangabandhu National Stadium practically became a marsh after the downpour yesterday. —Star photo

Asia Cup

Primary selection named

Sports Reporter



The national selectors yesterday announced a 25-member primary squad for the forthcoming Seventh Pepsi Asia

Cup that will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from May 28.

Four new faces have been included. Alam brothers Nasirul and Rajin Saleh join wicket-keepers Mukhtar Siddique and Mizanur Rahman.

The Mohammedan top order batsman attracted the selectors' eye with some outstanding performances in the Premier Division cricket league.

The Sylheti has scored 450 runs so far in 12 innings at an average of 40.90. His younger brother Rajin who plays for Kalabagan is equally consistent.

The middle-order batsman, who represented Bangladesh at under-19 level, has 210 runs from nine innings.

Abahani's Mizan and Mukhtar of Brothers Union have been called as wicketkeepers along with experienced Khaled Masood.

Mizan has dismissed 23 batsmen in the league so far (12

stumpings and 11 catches) while Mukhtar's gloves have accounted for 18 batsmen with nine catches and as many stumpings.

However, Mukhtar was more successful with the willow scoring 62 runs in six innings including a top score of 55 against City Club. Mizan has struggled in this department --seven runs in three innings.

Although Khaled Masood, considered the number one choice, has struggled behind the stumps but has certainly proved to be a useful batsman. In ten innings he scored 335 runs with four fifties.

As expected, all three national openers Javed Omar Belim, Mehrib Hossain and Shahriar Hossain, have secured their berths in the primary squad.

Javed Omar is the league's leading run scorer with 459 runs in 11 innings with two centuries and three fifties. Abahani's Mehrib is not far behind his Biman counterpart -- 445 runs also in 11 innings with one century and two half centuries. Shahriar has scored 291 runs with four fifties in 10 innings.

The other batsmen included in the list are Habibul Bashar, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan, Al-Shahriar and Halim Shah. Habibul has scored 359 runs in 11 innings with three fifties while Aminul, the national captain has struggled for runs. He has made only 161 runs in nine innings with two fifties.

Former national captain Akram Khan has collected 359 runs in nine innings at an average of 39.88 while Halim Shah has scored 427 runs.

The selectors, however, kept faith in Al-Shahriar despite his poor run with the bat. The Surjo Tarun Club batsman has scored only 224 runs in 11 innings.

Naimur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique, Khaled Mahmud and Mushfiqur Rahman make up the all-rounders. Naimur of Abahani has scored 365 runs in 11 innings with four half-centuries and also captured 18 wickets with his off-spinners. Rafique, who retired after the World Cup last summer only to change his mind, has been recalled in the squad.

The Mohammedan left-arm spinner and a hard-hitting lower order has captured 18 wickets but managed 115 runs in eleven innings. Brothers captain Khaled Mahmud has col-

lected 14 runs in 11 innings. See page 14

Tarun decide to boycott League

Sports Reporter

Surjo Tarun Club has decided not to play in the Super League if the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) does not allow them to register Manzoor Akhter.

In a letter to CCDM yesterday, the Dhanmondi-based club, which has finished the first round with eight wins against three defeats, has stated that they would not be playing against Kalabagan in their Super League opener if the CCDM did not allow them to sign up Manzoor, a former Pakistan international who played for Victoria Sporting Club in last season.

The CCDM has already barred Surjo Tarun from registering Manzoor on Sunday saying that his clearance certificate from Victoria Club was invalid as it was undersigned by the club's former cricket secretary Jajal Abedin Liton.

Meanwhile, the decision of CCDM has surprised many as they think any document signed by Jajal Abedin during his stint with the club should be considered valid.

The CCDM has so far not given their official version in this regard even after receiving the Surjo Tarun protest letter yesterday.

No cricket yesterday

Sports Reporter

No matches of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League were held yesterday because of the incessant rain.

Kalabagan Krira Chakra were scheduled to take on Brothers Union Club in a Super League clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium while City Club were to face Agrami Bank in a Relegation League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Besides, the matches of the Third Division League and ANZ Grindlays Bank Schools Cricket were also called off because of the same reason.

The CCDM later in the evening postponed all its matches in the Premier Division, Third Division and Schools Cricket until April 26.

The Premier and Third Division Leagues will resume on April 27 while a decision on Schools Cricket will be made later.

The fixtures of the Premier and Third Division Leagues will be bodily shifted.

Rajshahi cricket

Mitali Sangha lift Div I title

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 24: Mitali Sangha became Bir Shreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir First Division cricket champions beating Nawabganj Cricket Club by 43 runs at the Chalanabagan Stadium today.

The winners won the loss and decided to bat first. They collected 145 runs for eight wickets in the stipulated 25 overs. Nipu made the highest 33 followed by 19 from Topon, 16 from Mithu and 14 from Nasirul. Jony and Salahuddin took two wickets each for 28 and 33 runs respectively.

In reply, the losers were all out for 102 runs in 23.5 overs. Rubel made the highest 19 runs followed by 12 from Jony. Mithu captured four wickets conceding 20 runs and Jahurul bagged two wickets for 19.

SIRAJ MEMORIAL

National Cricket Club and Damkura Krira Unnyan Sangha won their respective matches of the second Siraj Memorial Under-14 Kishore Cricket tournament played at the Rajshahi Medical College main hostel playground today.

In the first match of the day, National Cricket Club defeated Kalabagan Krira and Sangskritik Sangha by nine wickets.

The losers winning the toss batted first and were all out for 64 runs in 17.2 overs. Sohel made the highest 13 runs. Pine captured four wickets conceding 10 runs. Gani took three and Apu bagged two.

In reply, the winners collected 69 runs for one wicket in 15.5 overs. Sohel scored the highest 27 not out followed by 22 not out from Pael. Nahim took the only wicket conceding four runs.

Damkura Krira Unnyan Sangha defeated Terokhadia Uttarpara Eleven by four wickets in the second match of the day.

The losers won the toss and batted first to collect 94 runs for all in 20.4 overs. Rocky made the highest 27 runs followed by 16 from Ananda. Minhaz and Shafiqul captured three wickets each conceding 10 and 20 runs respectively.

In reply, the winners reached the target of 95 runs losing six wickets in 21.3 overs. Jewell made the highest 20 runs followed by 17 not out from Shariful.



Jubilant Pakistani cricketers celebrate with the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy after the third final in Trinidad on April 23. —AFP photo

Pakistan lift 2000 Trophy



PORT-OF-SPAIN, Apr 24: Their bowlers led by Mushtaq Ahmed set it up and their batsmen fought long and hard to

formalise a four-wicket triumph for Pakistan over West Indies in the last match of the best-of-three finals to clinch the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy one-day series on Sunday, reports AFP.

The baby-faced Mushtaq, named man-of-the-match, took four wickets for 22 runs from eight overs to trigger a West Indies collapse that saw them skid from 61 without loss to 114 all out in 33.2 overs, the lowest limited-overs international total at Queen's Park Oval.

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The breakthrough came for Pakistan when Campbell flicked the first ball of Abdur Razzaq's fifth over to Inzamam at mid-wicket. His 26 off 45 balls carried his aggregate in the series to 315, the most by any batsman, at an average of 45.00.

Wallace, whose 30 off 64 balls was the top score and one of three double-figure scores in the innings, became the first of Mushtaq's wickets when he overbalanced out of the crease playing a drive and was

stumped by wicketkeeper Moin Khan, the Pakistan captain.

The real drama in the West Indies however, unfolded in Mushtaq's fifth over, the 23rd of the innings. He removed Wavel Hinds, Chris Gayle and Ricardo Powell in the space of five balls in it and West Indies never recovered.

West Indies' total was one run less than New Zealand's 116 against them 15 years ago and five less than their own 121 against India three years ago.

The match marked the return to the Pakistan side of fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, who took two for 31 off seven overs, and Saqlain Mushtaq, two for 20 off 5.2 overs, both of whom were recovering from ailments of a varying nature.

Since the West Indies innings finished pretty early, it left Pakistan with just over half-hour to the lunch interval. It was all the time King needed to remove opening batsmen Imran Nazir and Shahid Afridi in the space of nine balls to leave Pakistan 18 for two at lunch.

With the second ball after the interval, Abdur Razzaq gave wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs the second of his three catches off King, but Inzamam and Younis Khan defied West Indies for 15 overs to add a critical 42 for the fourth wicket.

Though Younis and Yousef Youhana were dismissed off Jimmy Adams in the space of six overs, and Moin was the last of King's wickets, the result was never in doubt.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the final match of the best-of-three finals of the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy limited-overs tri-series between West Indies and Pakistan at Queen's Park Oval on Sunday:

WEST INDIES
Wallace st Moin b Mushtaq 30
Campbell c Inzamam b Razzaq 26
Hinds b Mushtaq 7

Result: Pakistan beat West Indies by four wickets to clinch the series 2-1.

Man-of-the-match: Mushtaq Ahmed.

Man-of-the-series: Inzamamul Haq.

Adams b Shoaib 9
Gayle c Afridi b Mushtaq 0
Powell c Afridi b Mushtaq 0
Jacobs c Nazir b Saqlain 7
Rose not out 9
Ambrose b Shoaib 0
McLean c & b Saqlain 15
King run out (Afridi) 11
Extras: (lb-2; w-6; nb-3) 11
Total: (All out in 33.2 overs) 114
Fall of wickets: 1-61, 2-61, 3-71, 4-71, 5-71, 6-83, 7-97, 8-97, 9-114.

Bowler O M R W
Akram 7 0 22 0
Shoaib 7 0 31 2
Razzaq 6 1 17 1
Mushtaq 8 1 22 4
Saqlain 5 2 20 2

PAKISTAN
Nazir c Jacobs b King 4
Afridi c Rose b King 13
Younis c and b Adams 17

INZAMAM ... m-o-s

Razzaq c Jacobs b King 0
Inzamam not out 39
Younis c Campbell b Adams 4
Moin c Jacobs b King 10
Akram not out 10
Extras: (lb-7; w-7; nb-5) 19
Total: (For 6 wts in 45.1 overs) 116
Did not bat: Saqlain
Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Shoaib Akhtar.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-18, 3-19, 4-61, 5-73, 6-93.

Bowler O M R W
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King 10 1 25 4
Rose 10 0 30 0
McLean 8.1 2 20 2
Adams 5 0 17 2
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