

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Claudio Taffarel
(Former Brazilian goalkeeper)

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Mikio Oda Asia's best

NEW DELHI, May 19: Mikio Oda of Japan, who won the Olympic triple jump gold medal in 1928, was today named Asia's best male athlete of the 20th century, reports AFP.

Taiwan's peerless sprinter Chi Cheng won the women's vote in a poll conducted by the Asian Amateur Athletic Association (AAAA) among officials, journalists and statisticians.

Oda, who died two years ago at the age of 93, was the first Asian to win an Olympic gold medal when he leapt to a world record jump of 15.21 metres at the Amsterdam Games.

He improved upon the mark with a jump of 15.58 metres in 1932.

Oda earned 61 points in the poll, 15 more than second-placed Chuei Nambu, also of Japan, who held the world long jump record of 7.98 metres in 1931 and won the Olympic triple jump gold at Los Angeles in 1932.

Decathlete Yang Chuan-kwang of Taiwan (34 points), Japanese triple jumper Naoto Tajima (28) and China's high jumper Zhu Jianhua (26) completed the top five places among the men.

Chi Cheng, who in the sixties cruised to seven world records including the 100 yards, 200 metres and 100-metres hurdles, easily won the women's category, according to the AAAA newsletter Asian Track and Field News.

She polled 73 points, 11 more than Kinuo Hitomi of Japan, the 800m silver medalist at the 1928 Olympics.

Wang Junxia of China, the former world and Olympic long distance champion from the Ma Junren stable, was third with 48 points, followed by her shotput compatriot Huang Zhihong (34 points).

Fifth among the women was Olympic heptathlon champion Ghada Shouaa of Syria.

Each voter was asked to pick five athletes in each category.

Sattar blanks Natore

Sports Reporter

Noagaon striker Sattar scored four goals in an emphatic 5-0 thrashing of Natore in the inaugural match of Noagaon Zone qualifying round of the 21st Sher-e-Bangla National Football Championship at the local stadium yesterday.

The winners led 1-0 in the first half. Sattar struck in the 5th, 47th, and 53rd minutes to complete his hat-trick and then added another in the 89th minute. Arman grabbed the other goal for the home side in the 84th minute.

The day's other match between Gaibandha and Nilphamari ended in a 1-1 draw.

Rezaul put Gaibandha ahead in the 19th minute while Selim equalised for Nilphamari in the 80th minute.

A total of eight teams, split into two groups, are taking part in the zonal qualifying round. The teams took part in yesterday's match have been pen-

cilled in Group A while the other group consists of Bogra, Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj and Sirajganj.

In today's first match Bogra will take on Sirajganj at 2 pm while the other match between Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj will start at 4 pm.

Away in Dinajpur, two goals from Altaf steered Pabna to a 2-0 win over Rangpur in a Group B match.

Altaf put ahead Pabna in the 30th minute and doubled the margin after 33 minutes.

The other match between Kurigram and Thakurgaon of the same group was abandoned due to heavy afternoon shower.

The match will be played this morning.

At the Majid Stadium, Rangamati recorded a solitary goal win over Bandarban in a Group B match.

Mannan scored the all-important goal 15 minutes into the first half.

It was Rangamati's first win in two matches which raised their tally to four points. On the other hand, Bandarban have

earned one point from their two matches.

The other match of the same group between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar ended in an exciting 3-3 draw.

Tinku, Munna and Farhad scored once each for the Chittagongians while Jalal scored a hat-trick for Cox's Bazar.

Both teams have two points each from as many matches.

In Bagerhat, Khulna recorded a 2-0 win over Satkhira.

Proshanto put Khulna ahead in the 10th minute while Abul doubled the margin after three minutes.

In Barguna, Sohag both goals to help Bhola edge past Jhalakathi.

After a barren first half, Sohag found the net twice in the 66th and 86th minutes.

The day's other match in Moulvibazar between Sylhet and the hosts ended in a 1-1 draw.

Nasir put the visitors ahead in the 35th minute while Sohaiman levelled for Moulvibazar in the 44th minute.

Rain the spoiler

Sports Reporter

Rain washed out both quarter-finals of the ANZ Crickdays Bank National Schools Cricket Championship in Mymensingh yesterday.

The matches will be played this morning.

Comilla Zilla School will take on Mymensingh Zilla School at the Mymensingh Stadium while BKSP will face IU Boy's High School of Tangail in the other match at the Circuit House ground.

Rajshahi v'ball

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, May 19: Brothers Union and Colony Club won their respective matches of the Rajshahi Hassan Imam and Ali Imam Pintu Smriti First Division volleyball league at local stadium today.

In the first match, Brothers defeated Green Star Club by 3-0 (25-23, 25-6 and 26-24) sets while Colony Club beat City Club by 3-0 (25-11, 25-9 and 25-12) sets.

Nabarun Sangha will face Ambagan Club and Bright Star Club will meet Jagarata Sangha tomorrow.

DIV-II CRICKET

Apolo Cricket Club and Salbagan Club recorded their wins against respective rivals in the Rajshahi Second Division qualifying cricket league at local stadium today.

Apolo outplayed Habil Uddin Smriti Sangha by ten wickets in the first match.

Habil were bundled out for 97 in 22.5 overs while batting first after winning the toss.

In reply, Apolo reached the target of 98 runs without loss in 19 overs. Nirala with 57 was the top scorer.

In other match of the day, Salbagan beat Friends Ideal Cricket Club by six wickets.

Winning the toss, Friends collected 130 for 8 wickets in allotted 22 overs. Monarul with 52 was the highest scorer.

In reply, Salbagan reach the target of 131 runs losing four wickets in 17.3 overs.

Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, May 19: Surjamukhi Club and Mohammedan Sporting Club won their respective matches in the Econo Stadium today.

Surjamukhi beat Kundupara-Kirra Sangha by 29 runs while Mohammedan defeated Dilip Smriti Sangsad by 21 runs.

BRIEF SCORES

SURJAMUKHI CLUB: 142 all out in 24.4 overs (Niloy 37, Babu 23, Uzzal 19, Asru 3/29, Jhanu 2/19, Tapan 1/10).

KUNDUPARA KIRRA SANGHA: 113 all out in 23.3 overs (Tapan 22, Bappi 11, Rashed 8, Uzzal 3/16, Babu 2/6, Niloy 2/19).

MOHAMMEDAN SPORTING CLUB: 141 all out in 24.4 overs (Bishu 30, Roni 18, Uzzal 15; Lovon 3/16, Romel 2/34, Palash 1/25).

DILIP SMRITI SANGSAD: 120 all out in 23.2 overs (Romel 18, Taposh 15, Jayanta 14; Roni 4/11, Uzzal 2/8, Shaheen 2/18).

Windies 135/1

BRIDGETOWN, May 19 (Reuters/Internet): Wavell Hinds and Sherwin Campbell both made half-centuries to speed West Indies to 135 for one in reply to Pakistan's first innings 253 half an hour after lunch on the second day of the second Test on Friday. Hinds was on 70 and local hero Campbell had made 55.

The two had put on 124 for the second wicket.

At lunch the home side were 113 for one with Campbell, 54, and Hinds, on 51--his first half century--gave the Pakistan bowlers a torrid time as the West Indies, who resumed on two for no wicket, recovered from the early loss of Adrian Griffith.

Griffith was caught by wicketkeeper Moin Khan off Waqar Younis for four in the fourth over of the day.

After that, the West Indies raced to 50 for one off 12 overs and one ball in 59 minutes and their 100 came up off 25.5 overs with 13 fours and three sixes.

Campbell hooked sixes off Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram in successive overs as he tore into bowling, reaching his 50 two balls before lunch with another six. He also struck four fours and ran a fourth six after a horrendous mix-up by the Pakistan fielders.

Munz fails to qualify for Sydney

SYDNEY, May 19: Lori Munz, the Australian swimmer who smashed her kneecaps in a car crash just two months, has failed in her brave attempt to qualify for the Sydney Olympics, reports Reuters.

The 21-year-old entered this week's Australian national championships in a desperate last-ditch bid to make the team, only to come up short.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea of the second day of the first Test of two between England and Zimbabwe at Lord's on Friday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 83 (Overnight 29-1)

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ANY DOUBT! The electronic scoreboard is put to the test by technicians at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in preparation for the Pepsi Asia Cup starting on May 28. —Star photo

Yousuf bails Pakistan out

BRIDGETOWN, May 19: Yousuf Youhana completed his second century and gained the support of the lower-order to lead a Pakistan fightback against West Indies on the opening day of the second cricket Test at Kensington Oval on Thursday, reports AFP.

Last out caught at second slip to become the last of Courtney Walsh's five victims. Yousuf batted almost six hours and faced 234 balls for his 115 and was the cornerstone of Pakistan's first innings total of 253 after they chose to bat.

It was the 18th five-wicket haul for the 37-year-old Walsh and his best figures against Pakistan. It was also his best performance at the ground. The Jamaican world record holder took his 442 wickets from 116 Tests.

Called upon to negotiate two uncomfortable overs, the West Indies reached two without loss at stumps in reply.

Yousuf, who featured in half-century stands with captain Moin Khan (38) and left-hander Wasim Akram (42), helped to resurrect a Pakistan innings which was in crisis at 37 for five in the morning period with a performance of steady resolve.

Pakistan reached 90 for five at lunch, but only through a bold counter-attack from Yousuf and Moin, whose partnership for the sixth wicket was worth a valuable 73 either side of the interval.

Greeted by the most lively pitch they have encountered in the last two months, the West Indies' fast bowlers brought back memories of days of yore by generating pace, bounce and movement much to the discomfort of the batsmen.

Aging warriors Walsh and Curtly Ambrose shared the first three wickets and young bucks Reon King and Nixon McLean captured Pakistan's first Test heroes Inzamam-ul-Haq and Abdur Razzaq respectively, to reduce the visitors to 37 for five in the first hour and a half.

The batting has been a bugbear for Pakistan on their fifth tour of the Caribbean and the West Indies' fast bowlers again hammered home the point.

Walsh claimed opening batsman Mohammed Wasim and Younis Khan, while Ambrose removed Imran Nazir in the space of 11 balls to leave Pakistan seven for three. All three batsmen were caught in the slip cordon.

For once, Inzamam was overshadowed from early by Yousuf, who gave an early indication he was not about to surrender meekly by playing some attractive strokes through the off-side, where he gathered

most of his boundaries.

Inzamam was caught at third slip off King for eight and Abdur Razzaq caught at forward short leg off McLean for one to make Pakistan recall the opening Test -- when they courted similar danger on the first morning at 39 for five.

With the bright morning sunshine extracting the remnants of the moisture from the pitch, things got gradually more comfortable for Yousuf and Moin and in a volley of strokes they forced the West Indies back into a corner.

Full of wickets: 1-7, 2-7, 3-7; 4-34, 5-37; 6-110, 7-179, 8-220; 9-248.

Bowler O M R W
Walsh 13 4 22 5
Ambrose 21 7 53 2
McLean 16 3 63 1
King 17 1 56 1
Adams 17 1 45 1
Chanderpaul 2 0 3 0

WEST INDIES: First innings
Campbell 100 50 51 2
Griffith not out 25 0 1 0
Extras: 10
Total: (For no wicket) 2

To bat: W. Hinds, J. Adams, R. Sarwan, S. Chanderpaul, R. Jacobs, N. McLean, C. Ambrose, R. King, C. Walsh

Bowler O M R W
Akram 1 0 2 0
Waqar 1 1 0 0

WALSH... 5/22

The West Indies removed Moin in the first half-hour after the interval, but Yousuf and Wasim carried Pakistan through to 162 for six at tea to continue their side's revival.

The dangerous Moin was caught low down at second slip to become the third wicket for Walsh. The Pakistan captain batted 1 1/4 hours, faced 57 balls and struck seven fours.

Yousuf batted circumspectly after the lunch interval to complete his 11th Test half-century. He needed 29 minutes and 17 balls to move from 49 to 50, but played the anchor role admirably for his side. Wasim, played a few rasping extra-cover drives to announce himself early in his innings, and offered essential support to Yousuf in their seventh-wicket stand of 69.

Once again, West Indies struck in the first half-hour after a break to dismiss Wasim.

His innings lasting two hours and spiced with seven fours ended when he was bowled off the inside-edge by his 67th ball from Ambrose.

Saglam Mushtaq (9), Waqar Younis (10) and Mushtaq Ahmed (0) along with Yousuf were then able to take out a further 74 runs between them and add some beef to the Pakistan total.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at the close of the first day of the second Test

between West Indies and Pakistan on Thursday:

PAKISTAN: First innings
Wasim c Adams b Walsh 4
Nazir c Campbell b Ambrose 2
Younis Khan c Chanderpaul b Walsh 0
Inzamam c Adams b King 8
Youhana c Campbell b Walsh 115
Moin c Chanderpaul b Walsh 38
Akram b Ambrose 42
Sarjan c Campbell b Adams 12
Waqar c Griffith b Walsh 14
Mushtaq not out 2
Extras: (b-2, lb-9, nb-4) 15
Total: 253

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Siraj Memorial cricket final today

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 19: The final match of the Siraj memorial inter-schools cricket league, organised by Chattogram Mohanagiri Kirra Sangstha, will be held at Dainpara Police Line ground at 9:30 am tomorrow.

In the final match Nasirabad Govt. High School take on Chittagong Govt. High School.

Olonga to undergo scan

LONDON, May 19: Zimbabwe fast bowler Henry Olonga is set to go to hospital here later Friday for a scan on his injured ankle, team officials said, reports AFP.

Olonga injured himself in the tourists' final warm-up match against Essex and was ruled out of the first Test match against England, currently in progress at Lord's.

The bowler has a suspected stress fracture of his ankle.

If that diagnosis is confirmed he would be ruled out of the second and final Test which starts at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on Thursday, June 1.

Dalmiya taking legal action Bindra showcaused

NEW DELHI, May 19: (PTI/AFP): The Cricket Board Working Committee today decided to serve show cause notice on its former chief I.S. Bindra asking him to explain various allegations he has made recently in connection with the reports of match-fixing and corruption in administration of cricket.

All board members at the two-day meeting agreed and Bindra himself has accepted the decision, BCCI president AC Muttiah said.

The show cause notice will be served on Bindra to explain certain statements made by him in the press and why he cannot respond on some other statements made to CBI, Muttiah said.

The major issue that dominated the working committee meeting was the allegations of match-fixing and Bindra's frequent statements to the press.

International Cricket Council President Jagmohan Dalmiya, against whom Bindra has made several allegations, placed all issues before Bindra and asked him to clarify them. Muttiah told reporters midway through the meeting.

Some points were clarified by Bindra, who did not comment on some other issues saying he was under a confidentiality agreement with CBI, the investigative agency probing the match-fixing scandal.

Muttiah said on some allegation, Bindra agreed he had indeed given certain press interviews and statements but held that he had been misquoted in the press on certain other issues.

Dalmiya, meanwhile desperate to redeem his tarnished reputation before stepping down as International Cricket Council (ICC) president next month, launched a blistering campaign against his rivals.

Dalmiya not only filed multi-million dollar suits against three publications, including the London-based Sunday Telegraph, for what he termed "defamatory" articles, but also began closed-door negotiations to sideline rivals in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The 54-year-old Indian businessman has been accused of shady deals over awarding television rights for limited overs tournaments in off-shore venues like Bangladesh and Sharjah.



ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya addresses a press conference in New Delhi on May 18. Dalmiya said he was taking legal action against two Indian periodicals and a British newspaper. —AFP photo

The High Court in Calcutta, where Dalmiya has based, has restrained the Sunday Telegraph and two Indian weeklies, India Today and Outlook, from printing any article on the ICC president.

"There have been several articles in recent times against me which I have consistently tried to deny," Dalmiya said.

"It is normal practice to take the other side of the story, but in these cases I have not been given an opportunity to present my defence."

"We had served legal notice against these publications earlier, but the articles have continued, forcing me to move court," he said.

Asked if the Sunday Telegraph fell in the jurisdiction of the Calcutta High Court, Dalmiya said the court would not have accepted the suit if it did not have the jurisdiction.

Outlook's Editor-in-Chief Vinod Mehta said the threatened legal action will not prevent the magazine from continuing its investigation of the ICC president.

"We will contest the suit vigorously,"

Dalmiya, whose three-year term expires in June, will be replaced by Australia's Malcolm Gray during the governing body's annual meeting in London next month.

Elements slow down England

LONDON, May 19: Rain -- as much as the Zimbabwe attack -- held up England's reply to the tourists' first

innings 83 all out on the second day of the first of two Test matches here at Lord's on Friday, reports AFP.

Resuming on 29 for one in reply to Zimbabwe's 83 all out, England were 90 for two after 33 overs when the umpires decided to take an early tea.

They hope to re-start the match at 4pm local time (3pm GMT).

Michael Atherton was 45 not out off 96 balls and Graeme Hick was 15 not out off 42 balls.

Only eight overs were possible in the second session of the day before rain forced the players off at 2.05pm local time (1.05pm GMT).

That was long enough for England to take a first innings lead after lunching at 68 for two after 25 overs.

A single behind square on the legside from Atherton against Mupfemelo Mbangwa in the 27th over took England to 84 for two.

Mbangwa's three post-lunch

overs cost 11 runs and there was just time for medium-pace Guy Whittall to bowl his first over of the match for a single before the players took cover.

Earlier the first hour was lost to rain before play got underway.

Soon afterwards, from the Nursery End, Zimbabwe left-arm paceman Bryan Strang had a confident shout for lbw against Nasser Hussain in the second over of the day.

But the England captain, then on nought, had taken a good stride forward and umpire Dave Orchard rejected the appeal with the score on 30 for one.

Hussain got off the mark with a textbook front-foot off-drive for four against Strang, and next ball took another boundary with an equally classical stroke through extra-cover as Strang over-pitched searching for swing.

The left-armed was struggling to maintain a consistent line and in his next over, the 17th, a wide ball outside the off-stump was expertly cut to the Tavern boundary for four by Atherton.

Another four came in

Strang's next over, Atherton cover-driving off the front foot. This took England's score to 49 for one, Atherton 23 not out and Hussain 10 not out.

But at this stage Zimbabwe took their second wicket. Hussain leant back playing a cover-drive against Strang and was well caught by Brian Murphy at point for 10, leaving England 49 for two.

England's 50 came off 123 balls, eight more than Zimbabwe, although the tourists had lost five wickets reaching the same score.

Mbangwa replaced Strang, whose four overs this morning cost 18 runs.