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SPORTS TALK



Saurav Ganguly

(India cricket captain)
 "I try to deliver and be an example to the team."

Sports WHIZZ KID

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1. Who is IAAF's female athlete-of-the-year
Marion Jones Merlene Ottey Mary-Jose Perec
2. Who lifted Intercontinental Cup soccer title?
Boca Juniors Real Madrid Anters
3. Which country lifted the Fed Cup women's tennis title?
America Russia Spain
4. Who clinched ACC Trophy?
UAE HK Maldives
5. Who became Premier Div football champions?
Mohammedan Abanani Mukundha

Name

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winner

Gulib Haider (Saqib)

(Hakkam Mission Biddi-
 apith, Dhaka)
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correct answers

1. Who clinched the world chess crown?
 Ans: Kramnik
2. Who lifted the Purabi Div 1 basketball title?
 Ans: Dhunkeo
3. Who became Leipzig tennis champ?
 Ans: Clusters
4. Which club lifted NBL Div 1 soccer title?
 Ans: Agrani Bank
5. Who was declared man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh-India inaugural Test?
 Ans: Joshi

Walker cleared

LONDON, Dec 1: Scottish sprinter Dougie Walker will complete his two-year ban from athletics Friday, but his coach has warned it could be 2002 before he is back to his best, reports AFP.

A positive doping test led to his career being put on hold back in November 1998 and, although he was successful with an appeal to UK Athletics, that was overturned by the International Amateur Athletics Association.

The European champion at 200 metres is free to compete again from Friday and, although Walker has continued his training, his coach David Gibson explained it will take time for Walker to reach the high standards he has set in the past.

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winner

Simaya Binte Aziz

(Junior Laboratory School & College)

McGrath became the eighth Australian to complete a hattrick in Test ranks and

Third round begins today

Sports Reporter

the season along with Dhaka Metropolis, have earned 12 points so far in the group.

Metropolis began by collecting six points for an outright first round victory against last year's champions. Besides, they gained an additional four points by virtue of their lead in the first tunings. The national airlines outfit also won the short version against the Chittagongians to claim another two points.

In the second round, they beat Dhaka in their three-day fixture but lost the limited-overs game against the same outfit.

Chittagong, failing to garner any points from the first round, found their form in the next round against Rajshahi at the Cricket Garden in Rangpur on Thursday.

They thrashed the home side by nine wickets in the three-day match and then handed them a 45-run defeat in the limited-overs encounter.

Rajshahi trail Chittagong by two points while star-studded Dhaka find themselves stuck at

only the second — after speedster Merv Hughes, also in Perth, 12 years ago — to achieve the feat in matches against the West Indies.

McGrath, starting the day with a 298-wicket tally, enthralled a crowd which swelled to 16,894 by doing exactly what he had predicted — ousting Campbell and Lara to reach the milestone.

Campbell fell to a first slip catch by Ricky Ponting, while Lara edged to fourth slip, where a nervous Stuart MacGill snatched a sharp chance at the second grab.

The applause had hardly subsided when McGrath ousted Adams with his first ball, a brutal delivery spearing into his ribs, as the skipper popped the

Players ran from all over the ground to congratulate the man who had destroyed the West Indies batting with astonishing figures of 10-27 in the first Test in Brisbane a week earlier.

McGrath becomes only the third Australian, after Shane Warne (366) and Dennis Lillee (355) to top 300 Test victims.

McGrath had energetic pace support from Brett Lee, who ousted specialist batsmen Darren Ganga (0) and Ramanesh Sarwan (2) to finish with 2-52 and returning paceman Jason Gillespie, who polished off the tail to collect 3-45.

Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill again provided quality variety, capturing 2-47.

It was Hinds, playing in his first Test of the series and bat in the challenging number three position, who initiated the West Indies recovery.

Hitting out boldly at loose deliveries, he stroked seven powerful boundaries in his 87-ball knock.

Jacobs middled the ball from the start with an assurance which belied the team's early problems.

During a vigil of just over three and a half hours, he pounced 12 fours and a six — a remarkable late cut off Gillespie.

The West Indies' rally was aided by below-par Australian fielding as four catches were missed, with Hinds and Jacobs each having two slices of luck.

The tourists suffered a major blow even before the first ball was bowled when senior batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul was ruled unfit with a stress fracture of his left foot which team management said would keep him sidelined for six weeks and possibly result in his taking no further part in the tour.

Chanderpaul's absence meant a reprieve for young middle-order batsman Ramanesh Sarwan, who had been dropped to 12th man after a double duck in the first Test.

But he did not grasp his unexpected opportunity, making two before falling to Lee.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second Test between Australia and the West Indies at WACA Ground Friday.

WEST INDIES: First innings

Campbell c Ponting b McGrath 3
 Ganga lbw b Lee 0
 Hinds c M Waugh b MacGill 50
 Adams c MacGill b McGrath 0
 Lara c Lange b McGrath 0
 Sarwan c Slater b Lee 2
 Jacobs not out 96
 McLean b MacGill 7
 Dillon c Hayden b Gillespie 27
 Black c Hayden b Gillespie 0
 Walsh c Gilchrist b Gillespie 1
 Extras (nb-7, lb-3) 10
 Total (All out in 61 overs) 196

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-19, 3-

19, 4-19, 5-22, 6-97, 7-117, 8-

172, 9-178

Ball to Justin Langer at short leg.

Of the Lara dismissal — his 300th at the game's highest level — McGrath said: "I saw the edge go to MacGill, then I saw it bobble — and my heart went a bit. But as soon as I was safe in the bank, I was pretty happy."

"I said before the game it would be nice to go with Sherwin Campbell and Brian Lara for the 300th — and it worked out that way."

McGrath said that snaring the 300th scalp was of greater significance to him than the hattrick.

"Grabbing a hattrick is very rare and very exciting, but a terrible lot of hard work goes into getting 300 Test wickets," he said.

"It involves a lot of Tests, a lot of bowling, keeping your job. So at the end of the day the 300 means a lot more to me as a bowler."

Bowler O M R W

McGrath 19 2 48 3

Lee 15 5 52 2

Gillespie 12 2 46 3

MacGill 15 2 47 2

Walsh 10 3 24 0

Black 4 0 26 0

Dillon 9 2 19 1

McLean 4 1 3 1

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second Test between Australia and the West Indies at WACA Ground Friday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Hayden not out 46

Slater c Campbell b Dillon 19

Langer c Sarwan b McLean 5

Gillespie not out 1

Extras (nb-11, lb-3) 1

Total (for 2 wkt in 27 overs) 72

To bat: Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Adam Gilchrist, Stuart MacGill, Brett Lee, Glenn McGrath.

Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-62

Bowler O M R W

Walsh 10 3 24 0

Black 4 0 26 0

Dillon 9 2 19 1

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Biman maintain stranglehold

Sports Reporter

Leaders Bangladesh Biman registered yet another victory in the First Division Chess League yesterday. They dropped only half a point in defeating Makhali Prodeep Sangha (3.5-0.5) in the eleventh round at the NSC Chess Room.

The national airline club took their impressive collection to 39.5 points. They are followed by Titas Club who are two and a half points behind.

Titas Club recorded an identical (3.5-0.5) win over Utara Central Chess Club.

In the day's other matches, third-placed Leonine Chess Club with a number of foreign players in their ranks, defeated Dhaka University 3-1. Ansars lying in fourth position, completed a 4-0 rout over Rajshahi Baba Unnayan Sangha.

Leonine and Ansars have earned 34 and 31 points in the Swiss League competition respectively.

The twelfth round commences today at 2:30 pm.

SL head for SA today with a gift of sight

COLOMBO, Dec 1: Sri Lanka's national cricket team will carry with them a gift of two corneas to restore the sight of two blind fans in South Africa, officials here said Friday, reports AFP.

Skipper Sanath Jayasuriya will leave with his team for South Africa Saturday carrying the corneas, the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) said in a statement.

Sri Lanka announced the scheme to help blind fans in cricket playing nations where the game has been tainted by allegations of match-fixing.

BCCSL president Thilanga Sumithpala started the scheme by sending corneas to Bangladesh to mark that country's first Test match against India last month.

The BCCSL had earlier underlined that Sri Lankan players were spared the embarrassment of being implicated in throwing matches in return for kickbacks from bookmakers.

The BCCSL had earlier appointed a one-man commission to probe the allegations against former Skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his deputy, Aravinda de Silva who were named as recipients of bribes.

The allegations were contained in a report by India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) which inquired into charges against players in that country.

The BCCSL named Desmond Fernando, a member of the International Cricket Council's code of conduct committee, to head the probe.

Buddhists in Sri Lanka often donate their organs which they believe will bring them good karma in their next birth.

Women's WC cricket results

WELLINGTON, Dec 1 (Reuters): World champions Australia easily defeated Sri Lanka and New Zealand comfortably beat Ireland in the women's World Cup cricket tournament in Christchurch today.

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Results:

Australia v. Sri Lanka:

Australia 283-3 (Karen Rolton 154 n.o., Lisa Keightley 56, Livia Magno 38).

Sri Lanka 82.

New Zealand v. Ireland:

New Zealand 102-2 (Paula Flannery 49 n.o.,

Ireland 99 (Catriona Beggs 31).

FAISALABAD, Dec 1:

Pakistan used the new ball to slash through England's stubborn

middle-order in a dramatic lightshow on the third day of the second Test at Iqbal Stadium here on Friday, reports AFP.

At stumps England were 282-8, still needing 34 runs to level Pakistan's first innings total of 316.

Just when England were eyeing a first innings lead, Pakistan's pacers Wasim Akram and Abdur Razzaq took the new ball with lethal effect, capturing three wickets in five balls for just one run.