

BD-ZIM A SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of Bangladesh second innings in the three-day tour match against Zimbabwe A at Bulawayo on Sunday:

Table with columns for Batters (Javed Omar, Vermeulen, Olunga, etc.) and Bowlers (Watambwa, Mutendera, etc.) with scores.

(The Bangladesh second innings inadvertently got dropped from the scoreboard of our story yesterday. We regret the mistake. - Sports Editor)

Jenner's

FROM PAGE 13 the Australian batsmen. But statistics do not lie. Warner took his 300th Test wicket against South Africa back in 1998 and he's only taken 76 wicket in the three years since.

Jenner is convinced fitness is the key to future success.

"If Shane Warne is fit then he doesn't believe he has any peer - and if he's not fit, then he comes back to the field.

"Maybe three or four weeks off can inspire him. The gift that God gave him is special. He loves playing for his country and the one thing he will want to do is beat England," he said.

"He's the greatest leg spinner ever in the game. He resurrected Test cricket when it was on the wane.

"That ball against Mike Gatting meant that all kids wanted to be like him, but he bowled so much that the wear and tear took its toll. I know he's not as good as he was in 1997, but he's still good."

England's batsmen wait to find out just how good that is.

Aussies cautioned



INTERNET, undated

Australian selectors have warned senior players they must perform in the Ashes or risk being dropped from the national side.

The Australians kept faith with the bulk of the players who lost the Test series to India 2-1 with only pace bowler Mike Kasprowitz missing out.

Newcomers Nathan Bracken and Simon Katich will make their first Test tour, and Brett Lee returns to the side after injury.



SIMON KATICH

But chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said several players "received the benefit of the doubt".

Batsmen Justin Langer and Michael Slater will both need to score heavily after averaging 28 and 27 respectively in their last two series.

Shane Warne was also rumored to be under threat after a lacklustre Indian tour, but selectors opted for the tried and tested approach for England.

Hohns refused to discuss individual players but the batting lineup is understood to have been the biggest talking point among the selectors.

"It was very difficult because there were several issues and options we discussed and we wanted to be comfortable with them," Hohns said.

"The core of the side which has won 16 out of the last 18 Tests was retained because losing two Tests doesn't mean we have to panic.

"But, in saying that, there were a few players who received the benefit of the doubt.

"We've shown a bit of faith in them and we would like to think they will pay us back."

Hohns said Bracken, who has only played 13 first-class matches, had warranted his place on the tour after his one-day performances.

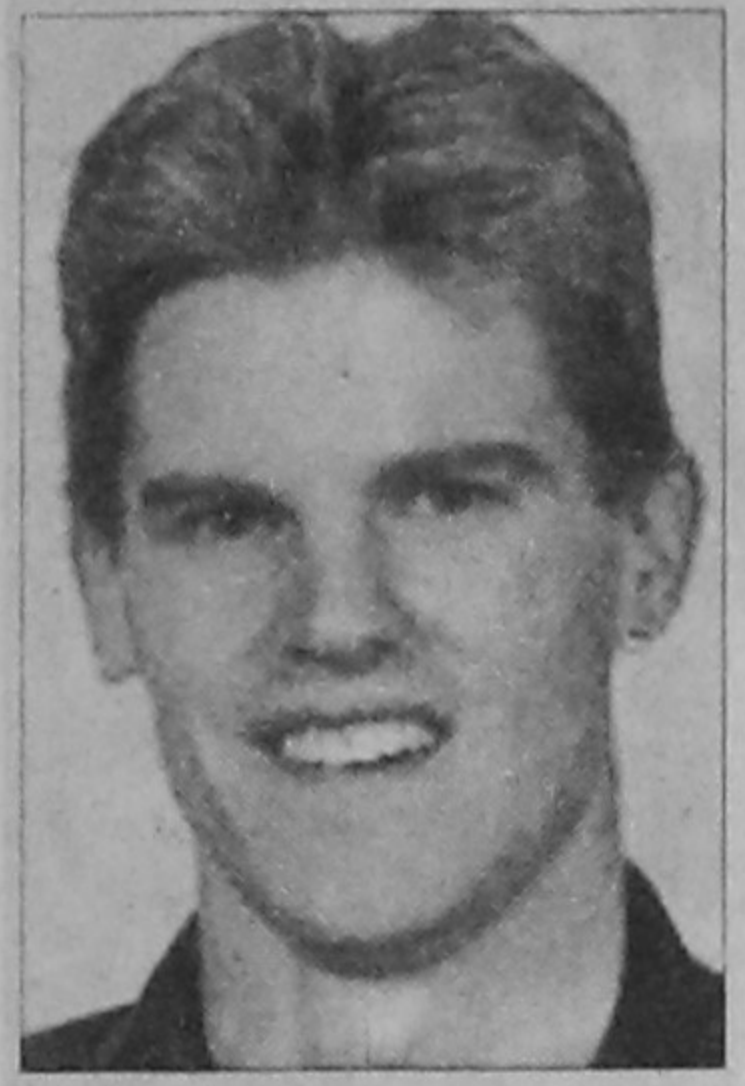
"Nathan has come on in leaps and bounds since he came into

the one-day side for the domestic series last summer and he was also really impressive in the one-day series in India.

"Being a left-arm bowler means he offers us a little bit of variety in the pace bowling department."

The selectors were forced to include Katich after the 25-year-old left them no option in scoring 1282 runs at an average of 71.22 in the Australian domestic season.

"We see Simon as one of our outstanding younger players and we are confident he can fill a role anywhere in the order," said Hohns.



NATHAN BRACKEN

Estoril Open Ferrero's



AFP, Estoril

Top-seeded favourite Juan Carlos Ferrero shrugged off a shoulder problem in the closing stages to complete a marathon 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 6-3 victory over Spanish compatriot Felix Mantilla to take the title at the 765,000-dollar Estoril Open Sunday.

Ferrero, Spain's top young tennis hope, spent three hours on the clay court as he beat Mantilla to hand Spain a fifth consecutive trophy here. Spaniards have won nine out of 12 editions played at the Estadio Nacional.

Spaniard Angeles Montolio lifted the women's crown as she defeated Russian teenager Elena Bovina 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Ferrero was treated for a

shoulder problem on court while trailing a break 2-3 in the final set. But he came back out and played well, breaking his rival and then swept the last five games in succession for the victory.

"It was a very tough match physically," said the winner, who takes away 84,000 dollars as he heads to Monte Carlo for next week's Masters Series on clay. "It was terribly physical.

"But it was a final and I never thought of quitting due to the shoulder. I'm very keen to keep playing on the clay. I have a heavy schedule (six of the next seven weeks on court) but I'm certainly not bored with tennis."

The long-running first set, which stretched to a numbing one hour, 18 minutes, seemed to feature every go-slow tactic in the clay-court repertoire.

Ferrero dropped serve first, losing the fourth game on an unforced error. But the top seed hung tough as eventually got the break back against his countryman in the seventh when Mantilla couldn't handle a cross-court winner off the Ferrero racket.

Ferrero tried to build upon his momentum and scored another break of Mantilla for a 6-5 lead. But that advantage evaporated in the next game when the gritty underdog returned the favour to force a tiebreaker.

Ferrero looked like running off with the decider 3-0 before Mantilla gained his equilibrium to level at 3-all. Ferrero won the last four points to finally secure the set.

The tone barely changed in the second, with Ferrero earning a break in the fourth game, losing it in the fifth. A game later, the set was knotted at three games apiece.

Mantilla, who tumbled onto the clay in the Boris Becker style to try for a shot at the net in the eighth game, broke the top seed to love, 5-4.

Mantilla then reached a trio of set points and squared the match after more than two hours on court when Ferrero leaped high for an easy volley at the net but stuffed it into the netting.

After his great escape, Ferrero praised Mantilla, who had brought a 17-match win streak and two minor titles into the contest. Mantilla is on the comeback trail after shoulder surgery last August and seven months out of the sport.

"He is soon to be back in the Top 20," said the winner. "He's playing very well and will certainly get better."

Montolio, 51st in the world, said she needed a plan to take victory over Bovina and beat Russian teenager Elena Bovina 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Bovina said: "I'm disappointed because I didn't play my game. I knew her strategy and type of play and I knew I had to come up to the net. But for some reason, I stayed at the back.

ATP rankings

AFP, Paris

Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain was the main winner as the latest ATP rankings were published Monday, leaping into the top ten after his weekend success in Estoril.

Andre Agassi of the United States still dominates with his Australian Open success and Masters Series wins in Indian Wells and Miami helping to produce a total of 425 points - a score which would have been enough to hit the top ten at the end of last year.

Agassi is sitting out the Monaco Masters Series this week, along with the likes of fifth-ranked Pat Rafter of Australia, sixth-placed Aussie star Lleyton Hewitt and current number 14 Pete Sampras, but the Las Vegas can afford to do so, such is the scale of his current advantage.

Frenchman Arnaud Clement is second way back on 176 points two ahead of up-and-coming US hope Jan-Michael Gambill and Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Ferrero's triumph in Portugal for his second title of the year propelled him from 19th to 10th as the hero of Spain's Davis Cup triumph last December moved onto 124 points.

Argentine Guillermo Canas, who won in Casablanca on Sunday, leaps from 40th to 20th.

- 1. Andre Agassi (USA) 425
2. Arnaud Clement (Fra) 176
3. Jan-Michael Gambill (USA) 174
4. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Rus) 174
5. Pat Rafter (Aus) 173
6. Lleyton Hewitt (Aus) 171
7. Sebastian Grosjean (Bra) 157
8. Dominik Hrbaty (Svk) 136
9. Roger Federer (Svi) 134
10. Juan Carlos Ferrero (Spa) 124
11. Gustavo Kuersten (Bra) 119
12. Nicolas Escude (Fra) 114
13. Tim Henman (Gbr) 112
14. Pete Sampras (USA) 109
15. Magnus Norman (Swe) 105
16. Greg Rusedski (Gbr) 103
17. Carlos Moya (Spa) 98
18. Tommy Haas (Ger) 97
19. Francisco Clavet (Spa) 90
20. Guillermo Canas (Arg) 83
Marat Safin (Rus) 83
Bohdan Ulihrach (Cze) 83

Hewitt out of Masters meet

AFP, Adelaide

Australian Davis Cup hero Lleyton Hewitt has again been troubled by breathing difficulties, forcing him to withdraw from a major tennis tournament this week.

Hewitt has pulled out of the third Tennis Masters Series event of the year in Monte Carlo and is undergoing tests in Belgium.

Hewitt's father, Glynn Hewitt, said it was believed the condition could be allergy-related but it remained a mystery exactly what triggered the 20-year-old's breathing difficulties.

Glynn Hewitt said it was hoped the tests could help shed more light on the cause of a problem that first surfaced last year.

"He's still having some breathing problems and he's decided to have a bit of a break," he said here Monday.

"We're just trying to put a handle on it... he just wants to have some tests done."

"It appears his throat flares up and he gets a breathing disorder and he struggles to get air in," Glynn Hewitt said his son's breathing had been troubled in Australia's first-round Davis Cup tie with Ecuador in Perth in early February and the condition flared again a short time later in the United States.



CDA of Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh handing over the Japan Cup trophy to Ishiaq Mohan Chowdhury who lifted the junior title in the golf tournament held at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday last.

Donald strikes early



AFP, Montego Bay

South African fast bowler Allan Donald dismissed both the current West Indian Test opening batsmen as the tourists hit back after a shaky batting performance on the first day of a two-day match against Jamaica at Jarrett Park Sunday.

Donald bowled Chris Gayle and had Wayell Hinds bow as Jamaica reached 60 for two at close of play in reply to South Africa's 199 for nine declared.

Donald made an impressive claim for selection for the fifth and final Test starting in Kingston Thursday after missing the fourth Test because of an injured right hamstring.

Because of his recent history of injuries, the team management insisted Donald prove his fitness by bowling at full pace in Montego Bay.

His figures of two for 33 from seven overs could have been better if edges from Marlon Samuels and Leon Garrick had gone to hand.

Earlier, the South African batsmen struggled against the Jamaican opening bowlers Franklyn Rose and Audley Sanson.

They were reduced to 128 for

six before Lance Klusener (41) held the lower order batting together. Rose, 29, gave a reminder of the pace and hostility which earned him 19 Test caps before he was dropped last year.

Although Rose only took one wicket, that of Gary Kirsten, he made all the batsmen hurry their strokes.

New ball partner Audley Sanson did not generate as much pace as Rose but took three for 28 in 16.4 overs before pulling up with a hamstring injury.

Before Klusener continued a return to form which started in a one-day match in Montserrat Thursday, no South African batsmen made more than 30.

Donald's strikes against Gayle and Hinds heightened concern about the quality of the West Indian Test opening partnership ahead of the expected announcement of the Test squad for Kingston Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table with columns for Bowler, O, M, R, W. Includes players like Rose, Sanson, Breesse, Perry, Gayle, Hinds, Samuels, etc.

JAMAICA: First innings

Jamaica batting table with columns for Bowler, O, M, R, W. Includes players like Garrick, Donald, Hinds, Samuels, etc.

Umpires: M Noble, C Fletcher (both Jamaica).

Mauresmo's 3rd in a row



AFP, Florida

France's Amelie Mauresmo stretched her win streak to 15 matches here Sunday, defeating South Africa's Amanda Coetzet 6-4, 7-5 here Sunday to capture her third consecutive WTA title.

Mauresmo, seeded sixth, rose to 20-1, the best start by any WTA player this season, by winning the 90,000-dollar top prize at the 565,000-dollar clay court event. Mauresmo is on the longest title streak of her career.

"It's just confidence is here," Mauresmo said. "I feel physically very strong. Today I played the way I have to play every player. It's all coming together."

Since losing to Venus Williams in the fourth round of the Australian Open, 21-year-old Mauresmo has won titles at Paris and Nice in February and here added the first United States tuneup for next month's French Open to that list.

Fourth seed Coetzet, 29, saw her eight-match clay court win streak snapped. Coetzet began the

run by winning last month's Mexican Open but could not complete the streak with her ninth career title.

Mauresmo opened with a service break and broke Coetzet at love in the fifth and seventh games on her way to a 5-2 first-set lead. But Coetzet broke back when Mauresmo netted a backhand and saved two set points to hold and reach 5-4.

Mauresmo then held in five points, taking the first set when Coetzet netted a forehand service return.

In the second set, Mauresmo again opened by breaking Coetzet and both players held until Mauresmo was serving for the title.

The 1999 Australian Open runner-up hit her first two double faults of the match and Coetzet zipped a forehand winner down the line to level the set at 5-5.

"It's always tough to finish it off," Mauresmo said. "I tried not to think about three tournaments in a row. You start not to play your game. At 5-all I decided to let it all

go and fight to the end." Mauresmo rallied to reclaim the break on an overhead smash after a long rally and served out the final game at love, taking the final point when Coetzet sent a backhand long.

Hingis hopes to bounce back

AFP, Charleston

World No. 1 Martina Hingis hopes to bounce back from a quarterfinal loss as the top seed here at a 1.2 million-dollar WTA clay court tournament which begins Monday.

Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario defeated Hingis at Amelia Island, Florida, snapping a 15-match personal losing streak to the Swiss star. Hingis is fighting to stay ahead of second-ranked Venus Williams before the French Open.

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Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero poses with the winner's trophy after beating compatriot Felix Mantilla in the Estoril Open final on April 15.

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