



Did U Know?

The fastest server in the women's game is Venus Williams, who recorded a serve of 205 km/h (127.4 mph) during the European Indoor Championships at Zurich, Switzerland, on October 16, 1998. Venus, who was born on June 17, 1980, in Lynwood, California, was introduced to tennis at a very early age by her parents, who coached her on the public courts in Compton, California, despite having no professional training themselves. Williams turned professional in 1994, and entered a limited number of tournaments without great success. Her watershed year proved to be 1997, when she passed her high-school diploma and entered her first Grand Slam tournaments. Even though she performed poorly at the French Open and Wimbledon, she reached the final of the US Open. She was the first unseeded woman ever to do so but lost to Martina Hingis. Her first tour title came in 1998, and since then she has won seven titles, including her first Grand Slam and Wimbledon in 2000.



What to WATCH

ESPN

Derby County vs Man United

English Premiership

10.30 am

Series A

4.30 pm

UEFA Champions League

Weekly Highlights

8.00 pm

English Premiership

9.00 pm

Star Sports

South Africa vs West Indies

Third ODI Highlights

6.30 am

South Africa vs West Indies

Fourth ODI

Live at 7.30 pm

Primera Liga

Highlights

5.30 am

Asian Football Show

11.00 am

Primera Liga

1.30 pm



TALK TURKEY



Shiv Sundar Das

(Young Indian cricketer)
"Glen McGrath is more dangerous than Jason Gillespie because he is so accurate."



Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 149

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

May 18, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who clinched the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters Series title?

Agassi Arazi Kuerten

2. Who lifted the AY Gold Cup Sharjah tri-series cricket trophy?

New Zealand/Pakistan/Sri Lanka

3. What was the result of the South Africa and West Indies Test series?

4-1 3-2 2-1

4. Who was the man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe first test?

Heath Streak K. Masood Javed Omar

5. How many Test wickets did Courtney Walsh capture when he retired?

536 520 519

Name.....

Class..... Roll No.....

School Address.....

Phone (if any).....



PHOTO STAR

LET'S HEAR A STORY ABOUT ZIMBABWE? National team wicketkeeper Khaled Masood (L) is the storyteller while Mohammedan captain Minhalzul Abedin (R), his teammates Sanwar Hossain (2nd from R) and Shafuddin Ahmed (2nd from L) and another national cap Habibul Bashar listen inside the Mohammedan dressing room yesterday. Mohammedan players are off the field during a rain recess.

Rain the spoiler

Title-decider starts afresh

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The title-deciding match between leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club and holders Abahani was postponed after rain disrupted the proceedings a couple of times at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Weather permitting, the high-voltage final match of the Premier Division Cricket League starts afresh at the same venue today.

It was reduced to a 33-over-a-side affair after the first spell of shower had stopped play for more than three hours in the morning. Put in to bat, Abahani were then on 45 for one from 11.1 overs.

When the match resumed, Abahani could score 160 from the allotted 33 overs with one wicket in hand. Mohammedan were struggling with 43 for three in 9.4 overs when the sky opened up again to enforce an injunction on play at 4:10 pm.

Although both captains agreed to play an additional half-an-hour after the scheduled time, but when the field was ready again at around 4:35 pm Sri Lankan match commissioner Carlton Bernardus called it a day as there was not enough time to complete a minimum 25 overs.

We needed another 15.2 overs to complete at least 25 overs of the Mohammedan innings to get a result out of the rain-curtailed

match. But time did not permit me to go on as I had less than an hour in my hand. According to the (old) ICC rule, 14.28 overs could be completed in an hour," said Bernardus. "We, however, for the spirit of the game wanted to finish off the match today by playing further more time, if required, after the additional hour's play. The light was there, but one of the two captains did not agree with the idea."

About ten thousand holiday crowd, a record attendance this season, turned up at the big bowl. However, they would be able to enjoy the match today producing

ABAHANI

Hussain c & b Shafuddin

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PHOTO STAR

Groundstaff at the Bangabandhu Stadium sponging the water out of the field yesterday.

Murtagh puzzles Pakistan

Cricket

INTERNET, Nottingham

Anwar all-rounder Tim Murtagh claimed six wickets as Pakistan established a lead of 242 on the second day of their match against the British Universities.

The right-arm fast-medium bowler added the wickets of Salim Elahi and Mohammad Sami to his four scalps on the first day as the tourists built their lead at Trent Bridge.

After resuming on 224 for four, Elahi and Younis Khan added 20 runs in the morning before Murtagh struck his fifth blow.

The innings of Elahi featured 16 boundaries before he edged a ball to the wicketkeeper James Foster on 78.

His dismissal prompted a rash of wickets as the tourists lost five wickets for the addition of six runs.

Chris Elstup and left-arm spinner Rob Ferley shared two wickets each as Pakistan plummeted to 50 for nine.

Elstup's second delivery of the day was spooned straight to point by Younis Khan.

But captain Waqar Younis and Mohammad Sami put the collapse behind them to put on a stand of 66 for the final wicket before Murtagh ended the innings on 316.

Waqar hit an unbeaten 50 off just 59 balls in a spirited stand with the inexperienced Sami.

It extended Pakistan's lead to 242 after dismissing the students for 74 in their first innings.

The 19-year-old Murtagh ended with the impressive figures of six for 86 from 22.5 overs.

Earlier on the opening day Friday, seasoned Test players Saeed

Anwar and Elahi delivered a batting masterclass as the tourists swept to 224 for four at the close.

Anwar and Elahi demonstrated the gap between them and the students in class by each blasting half centuries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of the Pakistan innings against the British Universities on the second day of their three-day tour match at Trent Bridge Saturday.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES: First

innings 74 all out (Wasim Akram

4/11, Waqar Younis 3/30, Mushtaq Ahmed 2/2)

PAKISTAN: First innings

(overnight 224-4)

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