



Did U Know?

The oldest US Open tennis winner is Margaret Osborne du Pont, who won the mixed doubles in 1960 at the age of 42 years, 166 days. Margaret was born on March 4, 1918, in Joseph, Oregon, USA. A highly successful tennis player in the period after World War II, she had a long and fruitful career, mainly in the doubles competitions. With her partner, Louise Brough, she won the three major doubles competitions (at that time the Australian Open was not considered part of the Grand Slam), plus several mixed doubles titles. Naturally talented around the court, with a particularly effective serve-and-volley technique, she also won six Grand Slam singles titles, an achievement often overlooked in the light of her doubles career. She was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1967.



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Steve Waugh
(Australian cricket captain)

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NB v'ball

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh Police recorded their fifth successive win in the National Bank Metropolitan Premier Division Volleyball League yesterday.

They defeated Azad Sporting Club 25-14, 25-22, 25-11 at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium.



Badda custodian Mustafizur Rahman foils a Kanchan (No 11) attack during their Federation Cup fixture against Abahani at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Abahani prevail

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Two second half goals from midfielder Iqbal and fresh recruit Hasan gave Abahani Kira Chakra a morale-lifting 2-1 win over Badda Jagorani in their second match of the Nitel White Cement 17th Federation Cup at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

The holders, who started the season with a disappointing goalless draw against Farashganj in the opening match on Sunday, needed 46 minutes to end the deadlock when their long-serving midfielder Iqbal shot the ball home from a goal mouth scramble.

But the victory hardly ensured the popular Dhanmondi outfit a place in the last four, where Arambagh and Farashganj are also in the race for two possible slots from this group.

Sharing the top spot with Arambagh, Abahani have a tough hurdle to cross when they meet the last year's losing finalists in their final group league match on Thursday. Both Abahani and Arambagh have collected so far four points from two games.

Although Farashganj have two points from as many games, the old-town outfit still can manage a place in the semifinals provided that they beat Badda, who with two consecutive defeats have made an early exit, by a margin of two goals on Thursday.

Back in the day's second match, Abahani certainly played better football than their dismal showing against Farashganj.

They ruled over Badda, who had a reputation of being the nemesis of Abahani by winning three out of their four head-to-heads in 1999, throughout the match. But the forwards frustrated Abahani supporters with an exhibition of missing out on easy chances. Iqbal let them out of their

misery, driving a ball home that came by his way from a long corner via a header from Nazrul.

Badda were gasping for air and space amidst terrific Abahani assault after the lemon break and they finally gave in eleven minutes into the second half.

The star performer for Abahani on the night was their young left back Hassan, who doubled the margin with an exquisite left-foot volley from about 25 yards, five minutes from the final whistle. It eventually sealed the fate of the game despite an injury time goal from Badda's ever-energetic midfielder Bakhtiar.

Hassan was one of the four players Abahani picked from Badda during the players' transfer this year. Playing for full ninety minutes, the nimble left back not only showed a lot of promise but also ensured a permanent place in the regular eleven.

His stunning goal that struck

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Pak cricketers seek protection

INTERNET, undated

Pakistan's cricketers have asked for a police escort to and from their second Test against England, which begins on Thursday in Greater Manchester.

Lancashire County Cricket Club has told it will be the first time police officers have been used to take the team from its hotel to the ground at Old Trafford.

The five-day Test match follows three nights of race riots elsewhere in Greater Manchester.

Hundreds of police have been deployed on the streets of Oldham during disturbances in the town which began on Saturday.

Deborah Simpson, Lancashire Cricket Club press officer, said: "The Pakistan team have asked for a police escort."

"They asked about a fortnight ago but they have not done so before."

"Our stadium manager is working closely with Greater Manchester Police."

Meanwhile former Pakistan cricket star Imran Khan has called for calm following the rioting in Oldham.

He told an Asian television station that those involved had made their point.

Indians in confusion

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

India's cricket chiefs were left red-faced on Tuesday after the government questioned their plans to play a Test match in Pakistan for the first time in 12 years.

"I think we are back to square one," an official with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) told this news agency.

"It's all very confusing. I am not sure when we will play against Pakistan again."

The BCCI, taking refuge in an official directive that permitted cricket matches against Pakistan in multi-nation events, agreed to play across the border in the Asian Test Championship.

The India-Pakistan match in the Championship, which also features Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, was scheduled to be played in either Lahore or Karachi over

Assault on umpire Sheikh Russel KC not punished!

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Terrorism prevailed over law and justice as Sheikh Russel Kira Chakra, a Third Division Club, escaped unscathed despite an act of hooliganism during their match against CCS Blues on Monday.

Sheikh Russel KC officials and supporters had mercilessly beaten up umpire Didar during their super league match at the Mirpur Outer Stadium when a decision went against them. But although the matter was reported to the authorities, the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), the organising body of Dhaka cricket failed to take any punitive measures against the team.

The trouble had started when CCS Blues, who needed four runs off the last four deliveries with one wicket in hand, escaped a run out call that would have won the match for Sheikh Russel KC. Officials and supporters of the team attacked umpire Didar who had turned down the appeal.

Didar received injuries on his

head and shoulders and had to be taken to a hospital for treatment.

At a hearing on Tuesday afternoon, the CCDM declared CCS Blues winners while Sheikh Russel KC were not even reprimanded for the violence.

According to BCB a director who was present at the hearing along with CCDM secretary and BCB director Mahmud Ul Haq, the CCDM could only forfeit the points of Sheikh Russel according to the by-laws.

Opting for anonymity, the director informed that the umpire has accused officials and supporters of Sheikh Russel KC for the attack on him. He also revealed that the umpire has categorically mentioned the name of an official of the club who led the assault.

"We have formed a four-member committee to know what really took place. They will get four days to report their findings. Basing on that, some Sheikh Russel KC officials might face disciplinary actions," said the Dhaka based BCB director.

Mahmud, the CCDM, secretary was not available for his comments last night.

September 13-17.

Not only did the BCCI publicly confirm that India would take part, but it also signed up to a new Asian Cricket Council (ACC) ruling that imposes hefty fines on teams refusing to play a match.

Sports Minister Uma Bharti, however, stunned cricket officials on Monday by saying the BCCI had jumped the gun in announcing India's participation in the Asian Championship.

"The BCCI should not take the liberty of making such announcements," she said.

"To play in Pakistan, the BCCI has to first give a written proposal to the sports ministry which in turn would forward it to the foreign ministry. The final decision rests with the foreign office," Bharti said.

The BCCI's fears were confirmed by Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh, who told a press conference Monday the government was not in favour of resuming

CJKS-Ispahani Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Rising Star Club, Kallol Sangha and Bakolia Ekadosh recorded victories in the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League at different venues here yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

Rising Star v Elite Paint KC
Elite Paint: 84 all out in 34.1 overs

Rising Star: 86 for two in 17.1 overs

Result: Rising Star won by eight wickets.

Kallol Sangha v Regensea SC
Kallol Sangha: 214 for nine in 45 overs

Regensea: 168 all out in 39.2 overs

Result: Kallol won by 46 runs.

Bakolia Ekadosh v Seba Niketon

Seba Niketon: 126 all out in 33.5 overs

Bakolia: 127 for six in 25.3 overs

Result: Bakolia won by four wickets.

Greatness beckons Nasser

REUTERS, Manchester

Nasser Hussain is on the brink of becoming England's most successful captain for 30 years, all from the comfort of his armchair.

Hussain, ruled out of the second and final Test against Pakistan with a broken thumb, has led England to four consecutive series wins to date.

A draw at Old Trafford starting on Thursday will be enough to make it five, last achieved under Ray Illingworth between 1969-71.

Illingworth's team beat the West Indies (home 2-0), New Zealand (home 2-0), Australia (away 2-0), New Zealand again (away 1-0) and Pakistan (home 1-0) before they lost a home series against the Indians. Hussain's side, ranked bottom of the Test-playing nations just two years ago, have beaten Zimbabwe (home 1-0), West Indies (home 3-1) — the first series victory home or away for 31 years — Pakistan (away 1-0) and Sri Lanka (away 2-1).

The victory in Pakistan at the end of last year provided another slice of history, England's first series win there since 1961-62 under Ted Dexter.

Bibbel blows Gloucs away

REUTERS, London

Australian Andy Bibbel bagged a career-best six for 44 against Gloucestershire to lead Worcestershire to their first English County Championship win of the season on Monday.

The 30-year-old Queenslander took four of the last seven Gloucestershire wickets on the final day of the Division Two match at Bristol as the visitors secured a convincing 252-run victory.

Bibbel also made two valuable contributions with the bat during the game, scoring 76 in Worcestershire's first innings and 37 in the second.

Warwickshire also stepped up their promotion challenge with a comfortable eight-wicket win over Sussex at Hove.

Sussex opener Richard Montgomerie reached a century before being dismissed for 116 off 277 balls, while a career-best 35 from young wicketkeeper Matt Prior further delayed the inevitable before the home side were all out for 253.

Warwickshire duly scored the 67 runs needed for victory for the loss of two wickets in under 20 overs.

In the First Division, defending champions Surrey are still seeking their first win of the campaign after Essex also batted throughout the final day at The Oval to secure a draw.

Needing 405 to win, Essex finished on 314 for four.

Opener Paul Grayson stood firm for 329 balls in reaching 115, while Stuart Law (57) and Ronnie Irani (51 not out) provided solid support.



17th Federation Cup Football Tournament
Muktijoddha Sangsad v Prantik KC
(4 pm)
Mohammedan SC v Rahmatganj MFS (6 pm)
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)

F'ganj, Arambagh share spoils

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Farashganj Sporting Club kept alive their hopes of a semifinal berth when they held last year's semifinalists Arambagh Kira Chakra to a goalless draw in their second Group A robin league clash of the Nitel White Cement 17 Federation Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday afternoon.

Arambagh who are jointly leading the table along with holders Abahani having four points each, faces a difficult last match against the 'sky blues' while Farashganj with two points till date, may yet reach the last four if they beat Badda in their final group fixture and Abahani predictably win theirs. Both matches will be held tomorrow.

In the day's first match, Arambagh looked the more impressive of the two with new recruit Saiful pulling the strings in the midfield.

The long-haired playmaker, who only made fleeting appearances for Abahani last season, gave the Farashganj defence a tough time all through the game.

However most of Arambagh's their good scoring chances were thwarted by the country's number two goalkeeper Biplab Bhat-tacharya.

Biplab made two decisive saves when he intercepted a brilliant shot from a Saiful in the 50th minute and then listed another

Rajshahi sports

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Majibhai Sangsad defeated Hasan Imam Smriti Sangha 2-0 in the Rajshahi Second Division Football League at local stadium yesterday.

In another match, Bismillah Sporting Club and Sports Club played out a 1-1 draw.

CHESS

Noman emerged champion in the Internal Chess Championship beating Prohir in the final.

Sixteen players took part in the competition organised by the Rajshahi District Chess Players' Association.

CRICKET

Harun Smriti Cricket Club and PTC Ekadosh won their respective matches in the Harun Smriti Cricket Tournament.

scorching drive of Johnny over the post in the 79th.

Farashganj, who missed the services of their experienced forward Jalal due to a one-match ban for receiving two yellow cards, came close to breaking the deadlock in the 69th minute but skipper Khokon's angular shot from the right corner was acrobatically parried away by a diving substitute Arambagh custodian Pannu.

The match was a difficult one to manage for Referee Sheikh Badaruddin who had to bring out the yellow card seven times. Farashganj striker Amin Rana, defender Showkat Khan and Arambagh skipper Khokon, received their second yellow cards and will miss their teams' next matches.

Arambagh forward Saiful was later named as the Pepsi man-of-the-match.

TEAMS

ARAMBAGH KS: Himu(Pannu), Jahangir, Amin, Shahin, Kamruzzaman, Kamal, Khokon, Liton, Monir (Cassias), Sohel and Saiful.
FARASHGANJ SC: Biplab, Shafiq, Showkat, Sohel Rana, Badal (Akram), Chandan, Askar Babu (Amirul), Kallol, Mithu, Palash and Amin Rana.

Australians upbeat

Cricket

REUTERS, Gallipoli

Australian strike bowler Glenn McGrath says the biggest danger to the world's number one ranked Test team in the forthcoming Ashes tour to England will come from themselves.

"The major threat to Australia is ourselves. If we concentrate on our game, then I can't really see us getting beat," McGrath told this

news agency on Monday.

"Their (England's) spirits will be up, but I still feel at the end of the day they don't believe they can beat us."

McGrath was in Turkey with the rest of Australia's squad visiting Hell's Spit on the Gallipoli peninsula, where over 11,000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers died fighting Turkish troops during World War One.

The tour party laid wreaths at memorials and walked solemnly amongst hundreds of graves scat-

tering the golden shoreline of the Aegean Sea.

Australia fly to London later on Monday to play in the triangular NatWest Trophy one-day series with England and Pakistan before the first of five Test matches against England at Edgbaston starting on July 5.

England have won seven of their last 11 Tests but Australia have held the Ashes since 1989 and are favourites to win again.

Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne believes the recent broken thumb sustained by England skipper Nasser Hussain, which is set to keep him out of the triangular series, will not help England's cause.

"Nasser is one of their very important team members and that's going to play a fair bit on England's mind," Warne said.

Australia's selectors have kept faith with the side that won a world record 16 successive Test matches before a shock defeat to India in March.

The recent decision by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) to axe coach John Buchanan as a selector, as well as allegations of match-fixing involving batsman Mark Waugh, have not upset the upbeat mood in the Australian camp.

"I'll be hoping to score a few runs and take a good few catches," Mark Waugh said.

Day 2 rained off

Cricket

INTERNET, Mutenga

India's bowlers were denied much-needed practice in the middle as rain prevented any play on the second day of their three-day tour match against Zimbabwe A at Mutenga Tuesday.

Persistent drizzle kept the teams off the field and umpires Kevin Barbour and Alan Walsh abandoned play after an inspection revealed that water had leaked onto the pitch through the covers.

Rahul Dravid was the star of the opening day, when the tourists made 336 for nine declared, as he fashioned an aggressive century.

Dravid hit 137 off 135 balls, with 22 fours and a six, after India had been reduced to 71 for five before lunch.

He and Sameer Dighe (87) rallied the tourists with a stand of 225 for the sixth wicket.

After opting to bat, Indian captain Sourav Ganguly saw his

batsmen struggle on a sluggish pitch of variable bounce.

Openers Sadagoppan Ramesh and Shiv Sunder Das were dismissed in consecutive overs, and the end of the first hour was marked by the fall of key batsman Sachin Tendulkar for 11, hitting a simple return catch to seamer David Mutendera.

Mutendera claimed three of the five wickets to fall before the interval.

But Dravid and Dighe saw India safely to lunch and then batted through the next session to effect a stirring recovery.

Dravid went in the 11th over after tea and Ganguly declared at the fall of Harbahjan Singh's wicket.

Zimbabwe A were 33 for one at stumps on the day and had to face 16 overs before the close and Gavin Rennie was removed for one in the fourth over, gloving behind a delivery from fast bowler Debasis Mohanty.

At the close, Dion Ebrahim was 25 not out with Hamilton Masakadza on six.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after the abandoned second day of the three-day tour match between India and Zimbabwe A in Mutenga on Tuesday:

INDIA: First innings				
Das c Taihu b Strang				4
Ramesh b Friend				13
Laxman b Mutendera				24
Tendulkar c and b Mutendera				11
Ganguly c Friend b Mutendera				12
Dravid c Friend b Murphy				137
Dighe lbw b Murphy				87
Zaheer c Taihu b Murphy				14
Harbahjan c Taihu b Friend				17
Nehra not out				0
Extras (lb-6, w-3, nb-8)				17
Total: (1-0-9 wks decl in 84.3 overs)				336
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-23, 3-45, 4-62, 5-71, 6-296, 7-309, 8-332, 9-336				
Did not bat: D Mohanty				
Bowler				
Strang	15	3	43	1
Friend	21.3	6	70	2
Mutendera	16	2	69	3
Evans	2	0	9	0

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BAF aquatic

PRESS RELEASE

Three more swimming events were finalised and two water polo matches held on the fourth day of the annual Inter-base Swimming and Water Polo Championship of the Bangladesh Air Force at the Army Swimming Complex in the city yesterday.

The gold winners included Sergeant Zahid of Air Headquarters (1500m freestyle), sergeant Nayeem of BAF Base Paharkanchanpur (1000m backstroke) and sergeant Gaffar of BAF Base Bishar (200m butterfly).

In the water polo competition, BAF Base Zahur defeated BAF Base Paharkanchanpur 13-3 while BAF Base Bishar edged past BAF Base Matior 2-1.