

Cricket coach Montu no more

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Former national cricket coach Mashuddin Ahmed Montu died on Monday. He was 57.

He was undergoing treatment for a heart ailment at a Kolkata hospital. Montu was a national team coach on and off in the eighties. In his last assignment he was an assistant coach of the Bangladesh under-16 team in the Under-16 Asian Cup last year.

He was a member of the East Pakistan provincial team in the sixties and retired as player in the late seventies.

The body of the deceased is expected to arrive today.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar expressed his profound shock over the sudden demise of Montu.

Former national chess champion MA Shakur passed away in the USA on June 23 at the age of 85.

He was the national champion from 1960 to 1970.

Shakur, an engineer, was also a good boxer.

The Bangladesh Chess Federation has conveyed its heartfelt sympathy.

Gough scare for England

REUTERS, London

England pace bowler Darren Gough's comeback hopes during the one-day triangular series against Sri Lanka and India have suffered a blow after a recurrence of knee trouble, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said.

Spokesman Andrew Walpole said: "He's a major doubt for the series. There has been a reaction to his right knee."

"We will reassess his fitness over the next 48 hours."

Gough damaged his knee while warming up for a Yorkshire second eleven match on Monday. He is due to see an ECB specialist soon.

Ponting's foot operated on

AFP, Sydney

Australian one-day cricket captain Ricky Ponting was on crutches Tuesday after foot surgery.

Ponting had a pin placed in his left foot during a short operation in Melbourne on Monday.

The new limited-over skipper will spend about a week on crutches and will be out of action for about a month, but will have a permanent pin in one of the bones in his left foot.

"Apparently it all went pretty well and I should be on crutches for a week and then hopefully back in full training in a month," Ponting, who was married on Saturday, said Tuesday.



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Kiwis write WI history

Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

New Zealand romped to a 204-run victory over the West Indies in the first Test inside four days on Monday, the first time they have ever won a Test in the Caribbean.

Set a massive 474 to win, the West Indies collapsed in the final session, losing six wickets as New Zealand's mixture of pace and spin and flawless fielding strangled the life out of a jaded and impetuous West Indies team.

The West Indies were bowled out for 269, with pace bowler Shane Bond producing a career best five for 78 on a Kensington Oval wicket that did little to help fast bowlers.

"I thought the wickets here would be fast but when I got here they told me they'd be low and slow. That's exactly what I found," Bond said after the match, which finished with a day and 10 overs to spare.

The match was more or less decided on the second day, when West Indies collapsed to 107 all out in their first innings as their batsmen self-destructed in response to New Zealand's first innings 337.

Only Brian Lara, with a classy 73, and opener Chris Gayle could discipline themselves to avoid offering their wickets to New Zealand.

Lara showed himself in his old form with a controlled innings of

delightful subtlety and power, but fell to Bond. The match ended with the next ball.

After a series victory over England and an interrupted tour of Pakistan, when a bomb exploded outside the team hotel in Karachi, New Zealand are on a roll and are ranked third in the world.

West Indies were upbeat after a Test-series victory over India and a 3-1 one-day international series over New Zealand, but their performance in Barbados will knock their confidence.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming, voted man of the match for his first innings 130 and an astute display of captaincy, said he had been surprised at the slow wickets his team had met in the Caribbean.

New Zealand scored 243 in their second innings, despite a fine bowling performance from left armer Pedro Collins, with 6 for 76, setting the West Indies what would have been a world record score if they reached the target.

Resuming at four for one on Monday, openers Gayle and Wavell Hinds refused to be cowed, hitting several uppish shots but scoring quickly, reaching 68 before Hinds became Vettori's first victim of the day, offering a simple catch to short leg as the left-arm spinner found bounce as well as spin.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between New Zealand and the West Indies at the

Kensington Oval on Monday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 337 all out (S Fleming 130, R Hart 57 not out)

WEST INDIES: First innings 107 all out (Butler 26-3)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 243 all out (N Astle 77, Collins 76-6)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 5-0)

Gayle lbw b Bond	73
Hinds c Richardson b Vettori	37
Sarwan c Vettori b Bond	18
Lara b Bond	73
Hooper c Fleming b Tuffey	16
Chanderpaul c Fleming b Vettori	17
Jacobs c Astle b Vettori	6
Powell c Astle b Butler	2
Collins lbw b Bond	8
Sanford not out	0
Dillon c Vincent b Bond	0
Extras: (b-5, lb-11, w-2, nb-1)	19
Total: (All out in 83 overs)	269
Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-133, 3-142, 4-179, 5-204, 6-216, 7-222, 8-252, 9-269	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bond	21	7	78	5
Tuffey	15	5	43	1
Butler	14	0	58	1
Vettori	19	3	53	3
Astle	5	4	4	0
Harris	9	3	17	0

Result: New Zealand won by 204 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Stephen Fleming.

Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Srinivas Venkatraghvan (India).



PHOTO: INTERNET
The victorious members of the New Zealand cricket team leave the field at the end of the first Test against West Indies in Bridgetown on June 24.

Kent setback for India

Cricket

AFP, London

India crashed to a 21-run defeat to Kent after a career-best four for 42 by seamer James Golding to snatch victory away from the tourists at Canterbury on Monday.

Golding claimed three mid-innings Indian wickets for just 13 runs, including the prized scalp of Sachin Tendulkar, to humble the tourists who were chasing a Kent total of 284.

Cruising on 166 for 2, the tourists never recovered from Golding's salvo and fell 21 runs short of the Kent target when they were dismissed for 263 in the 49th over.

Opener Virender Sehwag led the Indian charge, blasting a run-a-ball 45 to guide the tourists to 85 before he became Golding's first victim.

Captain Sourav Ganguly was joined by Dinesh Mongia and the pair savaged the Kent attack before a needless run-out sent Ganguly back to the pavilion having scored 64 of India's 136 runs.

Tendulkar replaced Ganguly at the crease, but his introduction galvanised the Kent bowlers into action and Golding scattered Tendulkar's stumps after the diminutive batsman had scored 15 runs off

just 16 balls.

Having sent Tendulkar packing, Golding had Dinesh Mongia caught behind for 37 and Yuvraj Singh caught by captain Dave Fulton for three.

The tourists were reeling on 179 for five, with only former Kent star Rahul Dravid looking likely to steer India to victory.

However Dravid saw Mohammad Kaif and Harbhajan Singh both fooled by the wily bowling of former England all-rounder Mark Earham before he gave Earham his third wicket when he was caught by Amjad Khan for just 31 runs.

Earham then had Anil Kumble caught by James Hockley as he raced through the Indian tail to finish with figures of 4 for 45.

After winning the toss, Kent were reduced to 10 for one when Tinu Yohannan had James Hockley caught behind by Dravid.

But a 128-run partnership between Rob Key and Austalian batsman Andrew Symonds helped Kent set up a formidable target of 285.

Kent reached 138 before Harbhajan had Key stumped for a 84-ball 76 innings which included eight boundaries and two sixes.

The loss of skipper Dave Fulton, bowled by Kumble for seven, sparked the loss of three wickets for

just 18 runs as India sought to fight back.

Symonds had blasted 75-runs off just 57 balls before he was run out only to be quickly followed into the pavilion by Matthew Walker who was caught and bowled by Harbhajan for just three runs.

With Kent tottering, Ealham's introduction swung the momentum back to the home side with an unbeaten run-a-ball 74 which included five boundaries and five sixes.

The heroic innings was enough to lead the home side to victory after India's mid-innings collapse.

Meanwhile, England suffered an embarrassing eight-wicket defeat to Wales in a limited-overs match at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff on Monday.

Wales skipper Steve James dented England's hopes ahead of the June 27 to July 13 triangular series against India and Sri Lanka by hammering an unbeaten 83 not out in a 110-ball innings which included nine boundaries.

The Wales side, featuring nine Glamorgan players, one from Somerset and South African Jacques Kallis, took full advantage of an undisciplined batting performance by England who could only manage 189-9 from their 50 overs.

Harper will not blame Sarwan

REUTERS, Bridgetown

West Indies coach Roger Harper defended Ramnaresh Sarwan on Monday after the number three batsman was guilty of twice throwing his wicket away in New Zealand's historic 204-run Test win at the Kensington Oval.

Sarwan's reckless attempts at pull shots led to a first-ball dismissal in the first innings and unhinged the West Indies' second innings reply at a time when the Kiwi bowlers seemed to be running out of ideas.

"They were two horrible errors there is no doubt about that. But sometimes we ask too much of players. I do not think that dropping Sarwan would be the right way to go," Harpersaid.

The West Indies defeat was the first in the Caribbean in 12 Test matches spanning three previous Kiwi tours.

Sarwan came into the series averaging 45 in the West Indies' recent 2-1 series victory over India but managed to add just 18 runs to his first innings golden duck.

West Indies skipper Carl Hooper echoed Harper's views.

"We have to be careful not to be too harsh. Sarwan is only 21 and it is inevitable that you begin to see cracks in his game."

"This is part of the learning process but he will play a lot of cricket over the next two years," he said.

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yet told his players which position he intends to use them in - not that it bothers Rivaldo.

"I don't care where I play on the field," the Barcelona star told reporters. "I just want to score against Turkey."

With the new system, Rivaldo would be flanked in midfield by Kleberston and Gilberto Silva, with Cafu and Roberto Carlos acting as wingbacks.

Rivaldo has identified Turkey goalkeeper Rustu Recber as the man Brazil have to find a way past if the South Americans are to emerge victorious and book a place in the final.

Recber was outstanding when the two sides met in Group C earlier in the competition, a match Brazil won 2-1 thanks to a controversial late penalty.

Recber, one of the most underrated goalkeepers in European football, pulled off several stunning saves against the Brazilians and Rivaldo believes his team-mates will have to be patient to beat the Turkish shot-stopper.

"The goalkeeper is very good, particularly with shots from long range," he said.

"So we need to create opportunities near him if we want to score. We will need to be composed in front of goal to score," said Rivaldo, who with team-mate Ronaldo and Germany's Miroslav Klose, is the tournament's joint top scorer with five goals.

Edilson meanwhile was playing down speculation that he might earn a call-up.

"The coach didn't confirm anything to us yet - but Juninho, Denilson or me, it doesn't matter who it is. We have played well whenever we've used our substitutes in the tournament up to now," the Cruzeiro player said.



PHOTO: AFP
Pete Sampras plays backhand against Martin Lee in the first round of the Wimbledon Championships on June 24.

Smooth going at Wimbledon

Tennis

AFP, London

The top seeds stayed on track on the opening day of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships here on Monday where the only major surprise was the scorching hot weather at the All England Club.

Former men's champions Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi and Richard Krajicek eased into the second round, along with Russian second seed Marat Safin, and Americans Serena Williams and Jennifer Capriati were the leading women to advance.

Agassi was handed the opening honours on Centre Court in the absence of last year's champion Goran Ivanisevic after Sampras turned down the offer because he was fighting for fitness.

But Sampras showed few signs of the lower rib strain which resulted in him requesting to have his match pushed back to third on Centre Court as he saw off Britain's Martin Lee 6-3, 7-6, 6-3.

"Stepping out there it was like coming home again," admitted Sampras, who has not won a title since he taking a record seventh here in 2000.

"It felt good. It has been a pretty difficult year, so I'm always pretty comfortable out there."

"The first match is always one you just want to get through," said Sampras. "I was just happy I won in straight sets."

The sixth-seeded American now faces George Bastl of Switzerland for a place in the third round.

Agassi, 32, efficiently dismissed Israeli outsider Harel Levy 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.

The third seeded American dropped his serve just once, in the final set as he tried to clinch the match, and there was a slight sense of rust in his groundstrokes.

But when he clicked into gear, Agassi was devastating, recording a high percentage of aces, not usually seen as one of the 1992 champion's strengths, to set up a meeting with

Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan who ousted Jack Brasington of the United States 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 5-7, 6-4.

Former US Open champion Safin, a quarter-finalist last year, downed Frenchman Cedric Pioline 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 and next meets Belgian Olivier Rochus who won his clash against older brother Christophe 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, 6-0.

Agassi was followed on court by newly-crowned French Open champion and second seed Serena Williams who dispatched 103-ranked Australian Evie Dominikovic 6-1, 6-1.

Former US Open champion Williams, bidding for her third Grand Slam title after ending the three-year drought at Roland Garros, goes on to meet Francesca Schiavone of Italy.

And the American said that she was determined to end older sister Venus' two-year reign here.

"I really wanted to win this tournament this year because Venus has won it two years in a row and to see those little plates in our trophy area, I want one of those with my name on it."

"To hold the plate with all the history behind it, I would just love to do this," added Williams.

Over on Court One, Australian Open champion Capriati, the women's third seed, similarly ousted Janette Husarova of Slovakia 6-1, 6-4.

Capriati, on a quest for her fourth Grand Slam title, goes on to meet Spaniard Marta Marrero for a place in the third round.

But the American warned against people thinking that the title was hers or the Williams' for the taking.

"We're favourites to win but there's a lot of players who have a good chance and don't want to see the Williams sisters and me just up there dominating the sport, and we're not even close to that."

"As a tennis player you never know what's going to happen," said the 26-year-old Capriati.

Meanwhile last year's quarter-finalist Thomas Enqvist, the 14th seed, dashed British hopes when he unceremoniously dispatched wild-

card Arvind Parmar 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

Enqvist meets Australian Mark Philippoussis who got past Julien Boutter of France 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Britain hopes were kept alive when Greg Rusedski, the 23rd seed, advanced past Austrian Jurgen Melzer 6-1, 6-4, 7-5, while Barry Cowan dispatched Hungarian Attila Savolt 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Rising American star James Blake, the 29th seed, booked his second round spot when Argentine opponent Mariano Zabaleta retired, after losing the first two sets to the American 6-2, 6-2.

Blake, making his Wimbledon debut and receiving his first Grand Slam seeding here, next meet Krajicek, the 1996 champion, who came away a 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 winner against Argentine Franco Squillari.

The first winner of the day was Czech Daja Bedanova, the 26th seed, who came away a 6-1, 6-2 victor against Seda Noorlander of the Netherlands, and meets Selima Sfar of Tunisia, who ousted American Kristina Brandi 6-3, 6-3.

Seventh seed Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia struggled but advanced past Ukrainian qualifier Elena Tatarkova 7-6, 6-4, as did former Australian and French Open champion Mary Pierce of France who beat Alicia Molik of Australia 6-4, 4-6, 6-8.

French Open semi-finalist Clarisa Fernandez of Argentina eased past Slovak Ludmila Cervanova 6-3, 6-3, and meets Belgian Els Callens who ousted Austrian Barbara Schwartz 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Meanwhile, it was the same old story for Russian glamour girl Anna Kournikova who was dumped in the first round by compatriot Tatiana Panova, the 21 seed, who came away a 6-1, 4-6, 6-0 winner.

To rub salt in the wound, Kournikova also lost her reputation, following a magazine poll, as the sexiest women's tennis player to rising Slovak star Daniela Hantuchova, seeded 11th, who advanced past Spaniard Cristina Torrens Valero 6-3, 6-2.