



Did U Know?

Captaining a winning side must be every player's dream. It's a once in a lifetime experience, and the history shows it too. None had done it twice. Diego Maradona had been the closest when he captained Argentina to victory in 1986 and to silver medals in 1990. Dunga of Brazil won as captain in 1994 and lost the final in 1998 and in some way copied Maradona. Cafu of Brazil emulated the feat of Dunga by inspiring his country to runners-up in 1998 and champions in 2002. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Germany is the only captain to lose two World Cup finals (1982 and 1986).



What to WATCH

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Wimbledon C'ships
Ladies Singles Semifinals
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Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
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Wimbledon C'ships
Men's Singles Semifinals
Same Day Delay at 8:30 pm



TALK TURKEY



Roger Lemerre

(France football coach)
"You have to tell it like it is... we failed to get to grips with this World Cup."
After the World Cup holders' first-round exit.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 174
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- Who scored the first goal of the World Cup 2002?
Bouba Diop | Zidane | Klose
- Who is Brazil captain?
Cafu | Ronaldo
- Pakistan won the last ODI against Australia by 91 runs
9 wks | 17 runs
- Who will lead Bangladesh in the two-Test series against Sri Lanka?
K Mashud | A Khan | Al Islam
- Who won the French Open title?
Name:
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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: (L-R) Hannan Sarkar, Ehsanul Haque, Talha Zubair and Alamgir Hossain, who have been called into the Bangladesh side for the Test tour to Sri Lanka, have a chat at the lounge of Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

KZ Islam football's

SPORTS REPORTER

After serving cricket for decades, former BCB president and mastermind of the Nirman School Cricket Tournament KZ Islam readies himself to devote his time and talent to the development of football in the country.

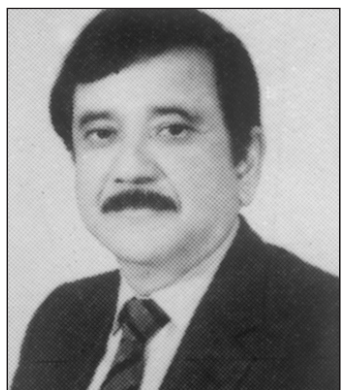
Islam, who sponsored the much-hailed school cricket for 17 years, has promised to uplift the dwindling standard of the country's football after being appointed as the chairman of the first ever development committee of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport over his cell phone, the respected sports organiser said that he decided to take up the challenge when BFF president SA Sultan sought his help. Thanking Sultan for his approach, Islam said he would try his best to build a strong power base for football like the way he did for cricket.

"I know him (Sultan) for a long time. When he asked me to help football, I just accepted that. I think,

football needs a lot of care specially at the grass roots level," said the Development Committee chairman, who was sadly ignored by the politically ridden Cricket Board for last few years.

"The BFF organised a school



KZ ISLAM

football tournament during the just-concluded football World Cup. I saw most of the matches and was very much impressed with the way those kids played. What they need is

proper care, and if we can nurture the budding talents judiciously the future of our football is bright," he said. "I have no hesitation to declare that when they grow up they would be much better and quality players than our present national stars."

Islam will lead a 22-member development committee that also includes BFF member Fazlur Rahman Babul as the member secretary. Other members are -- Anjan Chowdhury Pintoo, DR Shamuzzaman Basunia, Zafar Imam, Shahed Asghar Chowdhury, Dastagir Chowdhury, Anwarul Haque Helal, Kazi Salaudinn, Nurul Alam Chowdhury, Badal Roy, Sheikh Farid Ahmed, Kazi Usha Mishu, Maj Enamul Haque (retired), Farukul Islam, Abu Hasan Chowdhury Prince, BFF general secretary and general secretaries of six Divisional Sports Associations.

Admitting that football has slipped in the shadows of cricket in the sub-continent lately and the physical structure of the people of this region is also a negative factor, SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

India bat

AFP, Chester-Le-Street

India named an unchanged side for their NatWest triangular series one-day international against England here on Thursday.

India captain Sourav Ganguly won the toss and elected to bat first, keeping faith with the team that beat Sri Lanka by four wickets at The Oval on Sunday.

Meanwhile Michael Vaughan and Ashley Giles were drafted into England's side for this day-night fixture.

Vaughan came in for Graham Thorpe, sidelined with an ankle injury, as England altered their middle order.

Yorkshire batsman Vaughan has not played limited-overs cricket for his country since he scored 59 in England's victory over New Zealand in Auckland in February.

But as one Yorkshireman came into the side for this day-night fixture so another was left out.

Pace bowler Matthew Hoggard, who conceded 53 runs from his four overs against Sri Lanka in England's last match, was dropped and replaced by Warwickshire left-arm spinner Ashley Giles.

All-rounder Paul Collingwood retained his place to become the first Durham player to represent his country on his home ground while veteran wicketkeeper-batsman Alec Stewart chalked up his 150th England one-day appearance.

India beat England by six wickets at Lord's on Saturday.

Both teams have won twice to top the table although India have played two games to England's three.

Sri Lanka have lost all their three matches played in the tournament thus far.

TEAMS

ENGLAND: Marcus Trescothick, Nick Knight, Nasser Hussain, Michael Vaughan, Alec Stewart, Ronnie Irani, Andrew Flintoff, Paul Collingwood, Ashley Giles, Darren Gough, James Kirtley.

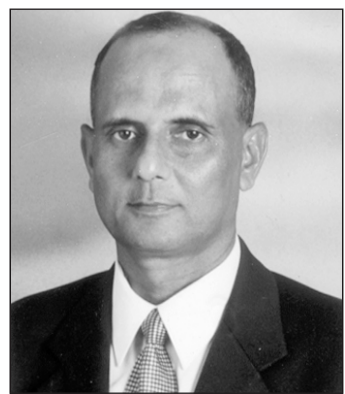
INDIA: Sourav Ganguly, Virender Sehwag, Dinesh Mongia, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Ajit Agarkar, Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra.

Umpires: David Orchard (South Africa) and David Shepherd (England).

Lt Gen Mashud new BOA boss

SPORTS REPORTER

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashud Chowdhury, AWC, psc, has been elected president of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) unopposed.



LT GEN HASAN MASHUD

Election Commissioner of BOA and Director of Sports Directorate Muhammad Nazrul Islam made the announcement yesterday.

The post of BOA president fell vacant on June 22 after previous president and Army Chief Lt Gen Harunur Rashid went to retirement.

According to the election schedule, the last date of submitting nomination paper was on June 29, and Lt Gen Mashud was the only candidate for the post.

Saqlain, Razzaq called back in Pak squad

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan Thursday recalled off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq and top all-rounder Abdul Razzaq for the tri-series at cricket's newest venue in Morocco next month, officials said.

Pakistan will play South Africa and Sri Lanka at the one-day tournament over August 12-21.

"Saqlain and Razzaq will be joining the team in Tangiers from England where they are currently playing county cricket," chief selector Wasim Bari told this news agency.

A final 15-man squad is to be announced in three weeks time.

Both Saqlain and Razzaq missed Pakistan's Super Challenge one-day series in Australia last month due to their engagements with English counties Surrey and Middlesex.

Pakistan achieved a historic 2-1 win over Australia in the series. The International Cricket SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

This time Britain wins

Tennis

AFP, London

Tim Henman struggled past unseeded Brazilian Andre Sa at Wimbledon Thursday with a 3-1 scoreline which in different circumstances would have been the envy of the English soccer team in their World Cup quarterfinal against Brazil.

"I was plenty awake from the beginning. I just dug my heels in, got the crowd going and turned it around," said Henman.

"He played some really great tennis. Conditions are not fast to say the least I had to keep fighting to get through."

But the fourth-seeded Briton was pushed all the way on Centre Court against a battling opponent, ranked 85 places behind him in the world, who was playing in his first Grand

against a Brazilian who languishes in 90th on the world rankings, but played some of the best tennis of his career.

Henman is practised in the art of dealing with rain delays, which must have brought back memories of last year when his epic semi-final with eventual champion Goran Ivanisevic spanned three days.

He won the first set 6-3 in the gloomiest of conditions Wednesday night.

But back on court Henman could not break his opponent and missed crucial chances when 40-love up in the ninth game of the second set, with the Brazilian using some lethal backhand shots to save break point to go 5-4.

Henman squandered two set points in the 10th game and his concentration and confidence seemed to evaporate. Sa went on to take the set 7-5 and level the match at one set each in 49 minutes.

The 25-year-old Brazilian from Belo Horizonte pressed ahead against a stunned Henman breaking in the first game of the third set.

Henman woke up to break back when Sa punched a shot into the net but had to stave off break points to hold his serve in the next game for 2-1.

Sa in turn saved three break points in the 15 minute fourth game of the third set to level 2-2 and both players stayed with serve before Henman broke in the tenth game to take the set on his second break point.

Henman finally lifted his game in the fourth set getting the early break and building up a 3-0 cushion, which he extended by breaking again to go 4-1.

Henman served for the match taking the tie on his second match point to keep keeping British hopes of a men's champion in the Queen's Golden Jubilee year alive.

And although he said he never felt he was in danger of losing, Henman feels there is work to be done after producing 24 unforced errors compared to 18 for his opponent.

"If I'm going to play Hewitt I'll need to play better. It's not going to be an average performance that will win it," said Henman.

But he warned he was ready for a place in the final.

"I've been in the semis several times. I'm not really interested in the semis. I want to get into the final."



British star Tim Henman responds to the crowd's applause after he beat Brazil's Andre Sa in the quarterfinals yesterday.

The British number one came away a 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 winner in the tie carried over from Wednesday night after the first set because of the rain, and goes on to meet either top seeded Australian Lleyton Hewitt or Dutchman Sjeng Schalken, the 18th seed, for a place in the finals.

Slam quarterfinal.

Henman, ranked fifth in the world, knuckled down over the nail-biting three hour, and ten minute tie to secure his fourth Wimbledon semi-final in five years and second in a row.

But the 27-year-old Henman's form was still not totally convincing

Serena, Amelie thru'

Tennis

AFP, London

French Open champion Serena Williams took a huge step towards a second Grand Slam title this season and the third of her career when she defeated Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova 6-3, 6-2 in the Wimbledon quarterfinals here on Wednesday.

Williams, the second seed and a

semifinalist here in 2000 when she was beaten by sister Venus, now takes on French ninth seed Amelie Mauresmo, who put out third seed Jennifer Capriati 6-3, 6-2 for a place in the semifinal.

On a day where afternoon rain meant that the match started four hours later than scheduled and played in three sessions because of the showers, it was the 20-year-old American who proved to have too many weapons for the up-and-coming Hantuchova taking the first

set 6-3 after 36 minutes.

She gained the only break in the eighth game and then fought off two breakpoints on her next service game to win the opener during which she sent down seven aces.

It was the first meeting between the two women, but that made no difference to Williams who has now featured in the semifinals of the last three Grand Slams she has entered.

She grabbed an early break in the second set and was leading 3-1, 30-0 after 55 minutes when the rain came down to give Hantuchova some respite.

When the pair reappeared almost an hour later, it was business as usual as Williams grabbed another break to lead 4-1 before wrapping up the encounter after 68 minutes on her second match point when the Slovakian girl netted a backhand.

"I have been working really hard on my serve and I have served well in the last two rounds," said Serena who pulled out notes from her bag and read them during the changeovers.

"They are just reminders about things that I should be doing. I saw Venus do it before, so I decided to copy it."

Hantuchova said the constant interruptions affected her approach to the match.

"Going on and off because of the weather made it very hard to concentrate but you can't do anything about it," said Hantuchova who won just 15 points on the Williams serve.

"Her serve was just unbelievable and that was the difference, it was the hardest serve I have ever faced."

"But I can take a lot of positives from Wimbledon. I showed at the Australian Open when I took a set off Venus that I can live with these top players, but I still have a lot to learn."

"They have a lot more power and much more experience. That showed when I had break points. I had one at the start of the second set, but I hurried the shot."

It was a disappointing result for the leggy 11th seed Hantuchova who had knocked out seventh seeded Yugoslav Jelena Dokic in the previous round and had been expected to cause more than a few problems for Williams.

That was based on her having clinched her first career title at Indian Wells beating former world number one Martina Hingis in the final before recording a fourth round spot at the French Open.

On grass, she came into Wimbledon having reached the semifinal at Eastbourne.



American Serena Williams waves to the crowd after she won her match against Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia on July 3.