



Did U Know?

Russian referee Miroslav Stupar made a controversial decision in the Kuwait-France match in 1982. France led 3-1 when Giresse blasted home number four with the Kuwaiti defenders rooted to the spot. They claimed they had stopped playing upon hearing a whistle. The Kuwaiti FA president Prince Fahed came on to the field from his seat in the stands and protested long and hard. It led to Stupar disallowing the goal! However, France scored a fourth goal in the last minute. For Prince Fahed's interference an 8000 pounds fine was imposed on the Kuwaitis by FIFA.



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1. Who scored the first hat-trick in the National Bank Premier Football League?
A) Nazim B) Arif C) Tenzin D) Laxman

2. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the NatWest Series final?
A) Sachin B) Tendulkar C) Sehwag D) Dravid

3. How many ODI centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored so far?
A) 29 B) 30 C) 31 D) 33

4. Who clinched Swiss Open tennis title?
A) Sampras B) Corretja C) Agut D) Pietrangeli

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BSS, Dhaka
Arab Bangladesh Bank Metropolis First Division Table Tennis League began at the NSC Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

Jagarani Club beat Combined Sporting Club 3-0, Swabagh Club defeated Mohammadpur Boys Club 3-0 and Khelaghar Samiti beat Young Friends Club 3-0 in the opening day.

Twenty-three teams are taking part in the league, organised by Bangladesh Table Tennis

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Rain-injunction on soccer again

SPORTS REPORTER

Inclement weather continued to disrupt the on-going National Bank Premier Football League as heavy rain forced the organisers to suspend the colourful domestic event for the third time on Sunday.

The Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) called off the scheduled match between Muktijoddha Sangsad Kira Chakra and Brothers Union two hours before the kick-off after heavy downpour turned the Bangabandhu National Stadium into a mini swimming pool. Weather permitting, the League will resume on July 31 after a break of three days.

The League started on July 15 and was supposed to be ended in early September. With only seven matches held so far, the organisers are in deep trouble now to finish the League on time.

On Monday, Dhanmondi clinched an upset tiebreak win over Rahmatganj that left Mohammedan Sporting Club to relish a solo lead with full six points from two matches.

Abahani, Rahmatganj and Dhanmondi are now in the crowded second place with four points each from two matches.

Favourites Muktijoddha Sangsad Kira Chakra stumbled in their opening match against Dhanmondi Club, also in a tie-break affair. Both Muktijoddha and Brothers played one match and ended up with no points.

Orient h'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club won the opening match of the Orient Bread Handball Tournament against Jamalpur Jila Handball Parishad by 29-23 at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Victoria led the first half 11-6. State Minister for Finance and Planning Maj. Gen. Anwarul Kabir

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Players and officials of Muktijoddha Sangsad leave Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday after their National Bank Premier Division Football League fixture was called off.

BANGLADESH-SL SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club Ground in Colombo on Sunday:

SRI LANKA: First innings	R	M	B	4	6
Michael Vandort lbw b Alok Kapali	61	157	110	10	0
Jehan Mubarak lbw b Tapash Baisya	24	68	49	4	0
Naveed Nawaz c Khaled Mashud b Fahim Muntasir	154	46	4	0	0
Hashan Tillakaratne c and b Fahim Muntasir	18	39	28	4	0
Sanath Jayasuriya c Khaled Mashud b Monjurul	85	135	94	9	1
Thilan Samaraweera c Habibul Bashar b c Islam	58	197	156	4	0
Prasanna Jayawardene c Khaled Mashud b Monjurul	0	4	5	0	0
Upul Chandana c Habibul Bashar b Alok Kapali	20	57	44	3	0
Buddhika Fernando not out	2	5	0	0	0
Sujeewa de Silva not out	1	-	9	0	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-6)	11				
Total: (For 8 wickets in 90 overs)	301				

To bat: Chamila Gamage.
Fall of wickets: 1-60 (Mubarak), 2-90 (Nawaz), 3-131 (Vandort), 4-133 (Tillakaratne), 5-260 (Jayasuriya), 6-260 (Jayawardene), 7-298 (Chandana), 8-298 (Samaraweera)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul Islam	17	4	35	3
Talha Jubair	16	2	41	0
Tapash Baisya	9	1	53	1
Fahim Muntasir	18	3	46	2
Alok Kapali	27	2	111	2
Habibul Bashar	3	1	10	0

BANGLADESH: Hannan Sarkar, Al Shahrar, Tushar Imran, Habibul Bashar, Fahim Muntasir, Alok Kapali, Khaled Mashud, Mohammad Ashraf, Monjurul Islam, Tapash Baisya, Talha Jubair.
Toss: Bangladesh.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and David Shepherd (England).
Match referee: Wasim Raja (Pakistan).

Uphill task for India



REUTERS/AFP, London

Michael Vaughan has followed his third Test century with his first wicket on the fourth day of the opening Test as England moved closer to victory over India.

At tea India, set 568 for victory, were 121 for two with Rahul Dravid on 34 and Sachin Tendulkar on five.

Both Vaughan and John Crawley completed hundreds after England resumed at 184 for three in their second innings on Sunday, allowing Nasser Hussain to declare at 301 for

India 5 down

SPORTS REPORTER

India were staring at defeat in the first Test against England as the tourists were reduced to 169 for five midway through the final session on the fourth day at Lord's yesterday.

India sped to 61 without loss, scoring at five an over, when Test debutant Simon Jones bowled the dangerous Virender Sehwag for 27 with sheer pace.

Sehwag and Wasim Jaffer had scored freely on both sides of the pitch against Matthew Hoggard and Andy Flintoff, forcing Nasser Hussain to make a double change, Craig White coming on at the Nursery End in tandem with Jones.

With his second ball, Jones sent Sehwag's off stump cart-wheeling as the India opener stabbed down too late. He had scored 27, including five boundaries, from 42 balls.

The wicket was a relief for

bowler Ashish Nehra to Jaffer at point. It was his second Test century of the summer at Lord's and he became the second England player after Chris Lewis to score a duck and century in the same Test against India.

Crawley brought up his fourth Test century from 132 balls with eight fours and, as he acknowledged the crowd's applause, Hussain called the batsmen in.

Jaffer and Sehwag took the total to 12 at lunch, although Jaffer was lucky to survive when Ashley Giles at gully was too slow to react when the ball lobbed off the India opener's bat from a Hoggard delivery.

They both cut loose after lunch, Sehwag, in particular, playing some delightful shots with left elbow held high.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the first Test between England and India at Lord's on Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 487 (N Hussain 155, J Crawley 64, A Flintoff 59, C White 53; Zaheer Khan 3-90, AKumble 3-128)
INDIA: First innings 221 (V Sehwag 84; M Hoggard 3-33)

ENGLAND: 2nd innings (overnight 184-3)

Butcher lbw b Kumble	18
Vaughan c Wasim b Nehra	100
Hussain c Ratra b Agarkar	12
Thorpe c Ganguly b Kumble	1
Crawley not out	100
Flintoff c Tendulkar b Nehra	7
Stewart st Ratra b Kumble	33
White not out	6
Extras: (b-5, lb-14, nb-5)	24

Total: (For 6 wickets in 64.4 overs) 301

Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-65, 3-76, 4-213, 5-228, 6-287

Did not bat: A Giles, S Jones, M Hoggard

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nehra	14	1	80	2
Zaheer	11	1	41	0
Kumble	24	1	84	3
Agarkar	11.4	1	53	1
Tendulkar	2	0	14	0
Sehwag	2	0	10	0

INDIA: Second innings
Jaffer c Hussain b Vaughan 53
Sehwag b Jones 27
Dravid not out 34
Tendulkar not out 5
Extras: (nb-2) 2

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Sabrina, Suraiya off target



SPORTS REPORTER

On Sunday much was expected from Sabrina Sultana and Suraiya Akhter. But they failed to find the target in the women's 10m Air Rifle Pairs competition at the 17th Commonwealth Games.

The top Bangladesh female shooters could only manage to secure a ninth place finish in a category, which was generally felt they exceeded in.

Four years ago in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur they missed an opportunity to collect the bronze medal with a score of 766.

At the National Shooting Centre in the southern county of Surrey, the pair fell well short of the brilliant winning mark of 795 by Indians Anjali Bhagwat Suma Shirur.

After six rounds Sabrina, the 1990 Commonwealth Games gold medalist, and Suraiya, who won

gold at the Seventh Bangladesh Games, tallied 764.

They along with other members of the Bangladesh team had received training from Russian Alexandre Sidorov.

On Saturday, Asif Hossain Khan and Anwar Hossain finished in joint fourth place with Scotland in the men's equivalent.

AFP adds: India were celebrating their third gold medal of the 2002 Commonwealth Games as the country tasted more glory in the shooting competition.

After Abhinav Bindra and Sameer Ambekar had won the Men's 10m Air Rifle pairs event on Saturday, it was the turn of Bhagwat and Shirur to shine and then Rajyavardhan Singh teamed up with Ali Khan Moraad to win the Men's Double Trap Pairs.

Bhagwat and Shirur set a new Games record as they pushed the Canadian pair of Sharon Bowes and Jacklyn Mcreedy into the silver medal position. England's Louise

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It's Collins from nowhere



AFP, Manchester

Kim Collins of St Kitts and Nevis won one of the most dramatic 100m finals of all-time here Saturday as he took the Commonwealth Games title in a time of 9.98secs.

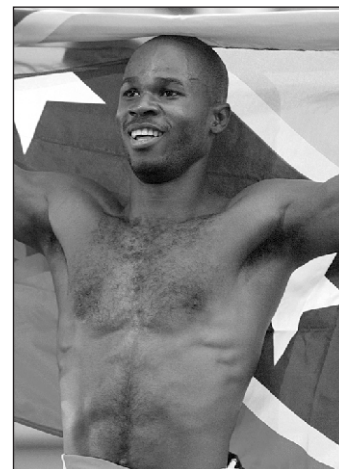
His victory came as the two English pre-race favourites Dwain

Greene and Michael Johnson in the 200m Olympic trials in 2000.

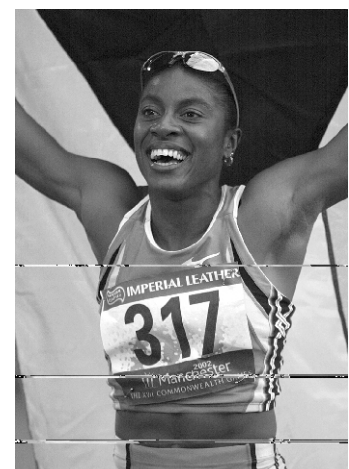
Collins, who took silver in the 200 metres at the 2001 world championships and is an Olympic and world championship 100m finalist, was over the moon.

"I wore my lucky socks today and they more than played their role - I'm tempted never to wash them again!"

Collins said he had heard something going on but was unaware of



KIM COLLINS



DEBBIE FERGUSON

Chambers and Mark Lewis-Francis both pulled up injured at exactly the same moment at the 80m mark.

Collins, the 26-year-old Olympic and world 100m finalist, took his first senior title as Chambers and Lewis-Francis lay writing on the track with a hamstring injury which must make him doubtful for next month's European championships.

Lewis-Francis had declared Friday that the event was a one-man band and he was right, though it was to be Collins who gatecrashed what was many expected to be an all-English party as the home duo both collapsed on the track to echo the similar disaster which befell Maurice

the English carnage behind him as he raced for the line.

"It was a weird race. I heard something behind me but I didn't have time to stop and look!"

"I don't taken any satisfaction in ruining the party for the English boys but that's just the way it is and I'm really happy to have run under 10secs.

"I heard the crown roaring for their English boys and it lifted me too -- this is a great feeling.

"I can understand it because you push yourself too hard and then it takes its toll because your body is being pushed beyond its limits."

Chambers' coach Mike McFarlane said that his athlete had cramped up just as he had done in

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Unlucky twice!



REUTERS, London

England debutant Simon Jones bowled with pace and accuracy but no luck at all after play resumed on the third day of the first Test against India at Lord's on Saturday.

The strongly-built Welshman came desperately close on two occasions to dismissing the little Indian master Sachin Tendulkar, who took strike for the first time when India started the day on 130 for three in reply to England's 487.

Tendulkar, the world's finest batsman, survived in partnership with Rahul Dravid as India added 28 runs in an hour of absorbing Test match cricket.

At the first drinks break, Tendulkar had scored 16 while Dravid had added 10 to his overnight score of 33.

Jones, who began his England career by scoring more runs in 45 minutes on Friday than his father Jeff managed in four years of Test

cricket, surprised Tendulkar for pace with his second delivery of the morning from the Pavilion End.

Tendulkar rose on his toes to fend a delivery which kept climbing at him, was hit on the arm and turned quickly to watch with profound relief as the ball bounced over the stumps.

For the fifth and final over of his opening spell, Jones came around the wicket, clipped the outside edge of Tendulkar's bat but the ball fell just short of Graham Thorpe standing deep at first slip.

Andy Flintoff was equally impressive from the Nursery End, bowling fast and straight both around and over the wicket and forcing the Indians to concentrate on defence.

Tendulkar did show two flashes of authentic genius in the first hour. He turned Jones with a precise swivel of his wrists for four through midwicket and played a flashing square drive off the back foot to the boundary off Flintoff.



BIG FISH CAUGHT! Superstar Rivaldo (R) shakes hands with AC Milan president Ariedo Braida after a media conference in Sao Paulo on July 27.

Rivaldo a Milan man



REUTERS, Milan

Brazilian World Cup winning striker Rivaldo has signed for Serie A club AC Milan, the Italian club said on Saturday.

Rivaldo, who became a free agent after his contract with Spanish club Barcelona was cancelled last week, has agreed a three-year deal with Milan, the club said on its official website.

As Rivaldo was without a club, Milan did not have to pay a transfer fee and although there was no immediate comment on the package offered to the 30-year-old forward, Italian media reports had claimed the player would be paid around 4.5 million euro (4.45 million dollars) per season.

Rivaldo told reporters in Sao Paulo that he was looking forward to facing his Brazil team-mate Ronaldo, who plays for AC Milan's arch-rivals Inter, in the Milan derby. "I'm already keen about this idea of playing against Ronaldo," he said.

"It will be very interesting. He's my friend, as we showed in the World Cup, but now we are playing for different sides. I think the first game between Milan and Inter will be one of the big attractions of the Italian championship."

"I'm very happy to have reached an agreement with Milan," he added. "It's a club which recognises me as a world champion."

The deal was completed after almost a week of intensive negotiations in Brazil between Milan and Rivaldo's management team but Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani said the player had been keen on a move to the San Siro throughout the talks.

"In every telephone call we have had in these past days the player has repeated the same phrase - 'I want to come to Milan, I want to come to Milan,' Galliani told the club's television station Milan Channel.

"That kept our hopes up and in the desires of the player there was never a real alternative to Milan," added Galliani.