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Gundappa Vishwanath was the first Indian to score a double century on his first-class debut. Vishwanath made 230 for Mysore against Andhra at Vijaywada in 1967-68. The once dashing batsman is an International Cricket Council match referee.



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Greg Rusedski
(British tennis star)
"I thought I'd come back but I didn't expect it to be this long. But definitely there were a lot of pluses today. It's nice just to be back at a big tournament."

On his losing return to the game after a break since September last. He last played in the US Open in 2002.



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Whatmore due today

**Cricket**
SPORTS REPORTER

Dav Whatmore arrives in the capital this morning to take over as Bangladesh cricket coach.

Whatmore's first order of business is a meeting with selectors to name the probabilities for tour of Australia starting in July. The World Cup-winning coach of Sri Lanka on his recent trip to Dhaka spoke to 20 leading cricketers not taking part in the National Championship.

The selectors are set to call those cricketers along with another five for the preliminary camp. Discarded all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman, openers Shahriar Hossain, Nafees Iqbal, Moniruzzaman and former Bangladesh captain Aminul Islam

are the likely candidates.

The 19-day camp begins at BKSP (Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan) on June 2.

Besides, The Sri Lankan born but Australian bred Whatmore is keen on having nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium once or twice in a week. And while the 49-year-old coach spent a few days in the capital he insisted that wickets at the big bowl be made bouncy like the ones down under.

Whatmore has been given a free reign to lift the fortunes of the national team which has been at the receiving end since gaining Test status. The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) desperate to end the succession of defeats in both versions, has promised to give lucrative bonuses to the man who relishes a challenge.

In an effort to get maximum utilization from the shrewd-cricket

Milan shoot to glory

**CHAMPS LEAGUE**
AFP, Manchester

As so many had predicted there were no goals but nobody could accuse AC Milan and Juventus of failing to serve up a drama worthy of a Champions League final at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

After 120 minutes of play, it fell to Ukrainian striker Andriy Shevchenko to convert Milan's fifth and final penalty and make Milan champions of Europe for the sixth time in their history.

Shevchenko's coolly executed spot-kick also ensured that man-of-the-match Paolo Maldini was able to emulate his father by captaining the club to glory in club football's biggest tournament, 40 years after Cesare Maldini lifted the trophy at Wembley.

Juventus will rue the three poorly taken penalties which Milan's Brazilian goalkeeper Dida was able to save, handing Shevchenko his chance to inflict yet another heartbreaking final defeat.

The Turin giants, winners themselves on penalties in 1996, lost both the 1997 and 1998 finals, and have now fallen at the final hurdle five times in all, matching Benfica's unhappy record.

But they could have few complaints after being dominated by a Milan side that took full advantage of the absence of their rivals' most important creative force, Pavel Nedved, through suspension.

AC Milan midfielder Clarence Seedorf broke down in tears after becoming the first player to win the Champions League with three different clubs.

Juventus coach Marcello Lippi cursed his side's luck after an injury to central defender Igor Tudor forced him to reshape his back four, adding to the problems created by Nedved's suspension.

Despite the lack of goals, only the most churlish of critics would have condemned either of the two

sides for failing to adopt a positive approach to what was an encounter of the highest technical quality, played at an exhilarating tempo.

Juventus may have spent much of the match pinned in their own half but it was Milan's superior attacking enterprise which stifled Marcello Lippi's side rather than any lack of ambition on their own part.

Milan's early dominance might have yielded a two goal lead from an opening 20 minutes in which the deft runs of Shevchenko and Rui Costa left the Juventus defence looking uncharacteristically ruffled.

Shevchenko thought he had given his side the lead in the ninth minute but his deflected shot, the end result of an opening generated by Rui Costa's surge to the edge of the area, was ruled offside.

Both Filippo Inzaghi and Rui Costa were standing beyond the advancing Juventus backline, although it was debatable whether the latter was sufficiently close to goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon to be judged to be interfering with play.

A rare piece of carelessness from Juventus defender Paolo Montero gifted Milan a second clear chance.

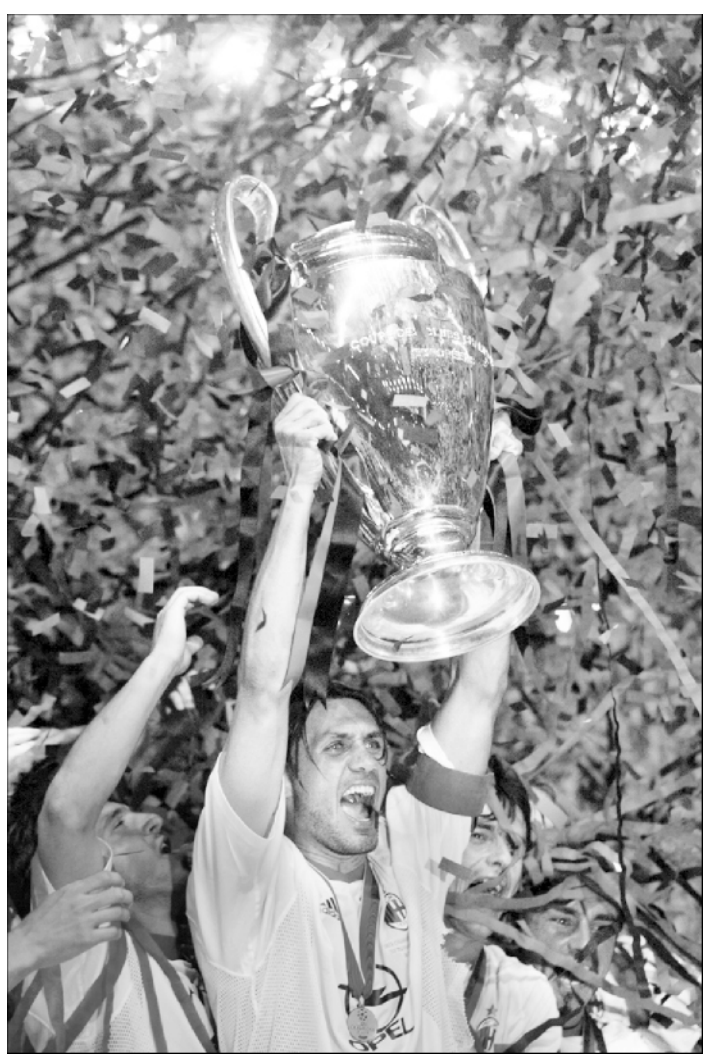
The Uruguayan's pass across his own 18-yard line flew straight into the path of Shevchenko. The Ukrainian fed Clarence Seedorf whose cross was met by a diving header from Inzaghi that produced a superb save from Buffon.

Juventus's only hint of menace in the early stages came from a Lilian Thuram cross that David Trezeguet headed marginally wide.

But gradually, prompted by the positive approach of Edgar Davids, Juventus started to find a way out of their own half.

As the half-hour mark approached a powerful run down the left from Gianluca Zambrotta created an opening for Alessandro Del Piero, who curled his side's first shot on goal high and wide from the edge of the area.

Milan hit back in virtually iden-



CHAMPION OF THE CHAMPIONS: A proud AC Milan captain Paolo Maldini holds aloft the UEFA Champions League trophy after beating fellow Italian side Juventus in the final at Old Trafford in Manchester on May 28.

Biman, Comilla in semis

**Cricket**
SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Biman and Comilla moved into the semifinals of the 26th National Cricket Championship after winning their respective last group matches in Comilla and Chittagong yesterday.

Biman outplayed Dhaka University total of 122 in 50 overs, the national airline team reached home in 23.4 overs with opener Rashedul Haque scoring an unbeaten 67.

The right hander smote six fours and blasted four mighty sixes in his 87-ball blitz.

Former national captain Faruque Ahmed chipped in with 38. The opening pair put on 75 runs in quick time.

Earlier, electing to bat, Dhaka

University were likely to make a challenging total after they lost half the side for 53 runs. It fell on Ahkamul's shoulders to take his side past the 100-mark with 25.

Biman leg-spinner Mosaddek Hossain captured three wickets for 23 while pacers Aminul Islam junior and Al-Amin took two wickets each.

Biman will now face the winners of the game between Chittagong and Narayanganj in the semifinals at the same venue on June 1.

Away at the MA Aziz Stadium, Comilla confirmed their berth in the last four with a four-wicket win over Faridpur.

Chasing Faridpur's 131 in 50 overs, the winners coasted to their target in 32.2 overs.

Middle-order Sumon Barua top-scored with an unbeaten 32 followed by Faisal Hossain and Baglu who added 27 and 26 runs respectively.

Earlier, Comilla's Habib James wrecked Faridpur taking four for 29. He was well-supported by

Age-group swimming BKSP the best
UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) finished atop the table in the Keya Cosmetics 20th National Age-Group Swimming Championship that concluded at the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur yesterday.

BKSP claimed highest 36 gold, 31 silver and 16 bronze medals.

Bangladesh Ansars finished second with 27 gold, 24 silver and 20 bronzes while Kushtia captured the third place meet with 11 gold, 14 silver and 12 bronzes.


Dolly Akhter of Rajbari emerged the most outstanding swimmer of the three-day meet creating five new junior national records in 18-20 age-group.

Dolly, who set records in the 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke and 100m butterfly on the first two days, bettered two more on the final day the 100m and 50m freestyle.

A total of 577 swimmers from 46 districts and affiliated organisations competed in 100 events in 10 age groups and in total 23 new records were set.

President of Bangladesh Swimming Federation and Chief of Naval Staff Real Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba witnessed the final day's proceedings as the chief guest and handed over prizes to the winners. Secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association Zafar Imam was also present.

Aussies still hungry

**Cricket**
AFP, St. George's

Unburdened by the end of their 21-game winning streak, the Aussies are looking to round off their Caribbean cricket tour with wins in the final two one-dayers here on Friday and Sunday.

The West Indies halted the Aussies' all-conquering one-day run with a comprehensive 39-run victory in Port of Spain last Sunday to prevent the spectre of a seven-game whitewash against the powerful World Cup champions.

The Australians have already clinched the series with wins in the first four games, but are hell-bent on picking up the baton and winning the last two matches after their unexpected loss last weekend.

Australia's foot-weary cricketers have been at it since last November and are looking to return home for a much-needed break before the July home Test and one-day series with Bangladesh, but pride dictates that they want to finish it off on an upswing.

"(The loss) was a wake-up for all of us if we don't play at our best then you can be beaten and that's

what happened," captain Ricky Ponting said on Thursday.

"We've had a few days off before Friday's game so we've had plenty of time to freshen up and make sure we're a better team come Friday."

"We won 21 games in a row, I'm disappointed it ended - it would have been nice to continue it a bit longer - but I'm very proud of how we've done it and how we've gone about it."

The Australians have proved themselves superior to Brian Lara's team in the Test and one-day series and Ponting expects his players to hit back in the final two matches in Grenada.

Team medical staff have yet to make decisions on the fitness of batsman Michael Bevan and fast bowler Glenn McGrath, who both suffered groin strains last Sunday, but experienced batsman Darren Lehmann is expected to have fully recovered from a calf strain.

The Australians will be looking to the continuing scoring form of Andrew Symonds and youngster Michael Clarke in the final matches.

Symonds has continued on from his outstanding form at the World Cup in southern Africa last February-March to score 77 and 75 in his last three innings, while 22-

Ferrero, Clijsters fly

**French Open**
AFP, Paris

Tournament favourite Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain hardly broke sweat in reaching the third round of the French Open on Thursday, but top seed Lleyton Hewitt needed four sets and three-and-a-half hours to dispose of dangerous Russian Nikolay Davydenko.

In the women's singles there were comfortable wins for second seed Kim Clijsters of Belgium and for newly-wed Lindsay Davenport of the United States.

Ferrero, last year's beaten finalist, sped into the last 32 in just 42 minutes when Nicolas Massu of Chile pulled out with an ankle injury halfway through the second set.

At that stage the wiry Spaniard known as "The Mosquito" was comfortably ahead 6-2, 3-0 and looked to be racing into the last 32.

But it went even quicker than he expected when the pony-tailed South American indicated to the umpire that he was unable to play on.

The 23-year-old Ferrero said avoiding tough early matches was vital in the French Open to be in top form for the expected tough five setters on the slow clay in the second week.

He said that his upset loss in the final to compatriot Albert Costa 12

months ago was largely due to injuries he was carrying to his shoulder and ankle.

"That was good for me today," he said. "I have played only four sets so far, three on Tuesday and one today and that's great for me."

Ferrero next takes on the winner of the tie between Britain's Tim Henman and Todd Martin of the United States and he expects a tough match either way.

"Tim has improved a lot on clay and Todd Martin has a lot of experience here and everywhere."

Hewitt, playing on his least favourite surface, got on top of rising Russian Davydenko early on, taking the first set 6-3, but found himself in a dogfight after losing the second set 6-4.

The Australian edged ahead 6-3 in the third and looked on his way through after breaking Davydenko in the opening game of the fourth set.

But the Russian broke back again immediately and Hewitt had to hang on after a sequence of broken serves to clinch the tie-breaker 7-5 on his fourth match point after trailing 1-4.

"I've played two two tough matches so far. He was probably one of the best guys who wasn't seeded," said Hewitt.

"I don't think I am one of the hot favourites here, but I am happy to be at the back of pack."

In other early matches on the hottest day of the championships

so far, the noisy home support had plenty to cheer about when Arnaud Clement produced another authoritative display to defeat Lars Burgsmuller of Germany, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

And in a match held over from Wednesday, Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic pulled off a mini-upset by beating rising American star James Blake, the 24th seed, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4.

Clijsters, seeded to meet title-holder Serena Williams in the final, made mince-meat of overmatched Marlene Weingartner of Germany winning 6-2, 6-2 but said she was still looking for her best form.

"It was tough to get a lot of rhythm going. It wasn't my best tennis today but I am starting to feel confident."


"Clay is the toughest surface for me to adjust to. It takes me a lot longer to adjust, but I am starting to feel good."

Clijsters next plays Paola Suarez of Argentina for a place in the last 16.

A relaxed-looking Davenport, the sixth seed, overcame a sticky spell in the first set when she had to save three set points before overpowering Iroda Tulyaganova of Uzbekistan 7-5, 6-1.

A former Wimbledon, US and Australian Open champion, the 26-year-old Davenport has rarely been at her best on the slow clay surface, her best performance being a semi-final appearance in 1998. She last

Gough back in Eng fold

**Cricket**
AFP, London

Darren Gough was recalled by England when the selectors announced an otherwise inexperienced one-day squad here on Thursday.

Gough, 32, has not been an England regular after being sidelined for over 18 months with a knee injury but is now set to feature in the home series against Pakistan and the triangular tournament with Zimbabwe and South Africa.

England's chairman of selectors, David Graveney, defended the Yorkshire fast bowler's selection in a 15-man squad which was otherwise full of players who it is hoped will be mature internationals come the 2007 World Cup.

"The bulk of this squad is under thirty years of age and has been chosen with the next World Cup firmly in mind," Graveney told reporters at Lord's.

"Darren Gough's inclusion is clearly an exception to this rule. But he is a proven match-winner who was badly missed during the World Cup and his inclusion will add experience to our bowling

attack.

"As well as providing a strike bowling capacity, we also believe Darren can play an important role in passing on advice to the younger bowlers in the squad."

"Youth needs its chance," insisted Graveney, who said he agreed with England coach Duncan Fletcher's assessment that players needed to play 30-40 matches to adjust to one-day international cricket.

England included six players yet to make their one-day international debuts - pace bowlers Kabir Ali and Richard Johnson, all-rounder Rikki Clarke, left-handed bat James Troughton and Test duo Robert Key and Anthony McGrath.

Meanwhile just five players from the team that played Australia in England's last one-day international at the World Cup survived - new one-day captain Michael Vaughan, Marcus Trescothick, James Anderson, Andrew Flintoff and Ashley Giles.

Since the World Cup, Test captain Nasser Hussain, opening bat Nick Knight and fast bowler Andrew Caddick have all formally retired from one-day international cricket while 40-year-old wicket-keeper Alec Stewart has told the

selectors to look for a younger man in limited overs matches.

All-rounder Paul Collingwood, one of England's few success stories at the World Cup, is out with a shoulder injury.

Chris Read, who has a broken thumb, has been recalled as the lone specialist wicket-keeper despite his injury.

Essex keeper James Foster, who has played 11 one-day internationals, is on standby.

Graveney said of Read: "The medical advice we have received is that this is an undisplaced fracture and it will take him around three weeks to recover."

But there was no place in the squad for former England one-day captain Adam Hoolioake, who almost beat Vaughan to the leadership when Hussain stepped down, and World Cup duo Ian Blackwell and Ronnie Irani.

England's first one-day match this season is against Pakistan at Old Trafford on June 17.

SQUAD
Michael Vaughan (captain), Kabir Ali, James Anderson, Rikki Clarke,