

Delta Life TT Saleha, Pappu clinch titles

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Saleha and Pappu won the women's and men's singles titles of the Delta Life Open Table Tennis tournament yesterday.

In the final, Saleha of Biman beat her teammate Joyoti 11-8, 4-11, 11-5 and 11-8 while Khelaghar's Pappu posted 8-11, 12-10, 6-11, 11-7 and 11-9 victory over Biman's Mahbub.

Tirtha of Biman clinched the boys singles title with 11-7, 13-11 and 11-8 win over Helal.

Das Dev Prasad, the managing director of Delta Life Insurance, witnessed the final day and distributed prizes among the winners.

Marcus, Vikram power

AFP, London

Marcus Trescothick and Vikram Solanki's record-breaking opening partnership guided England to a six wicket win against South Africa in their triangular series one-day international at The Oval on Saturday.

The pair put on 200 - both men making hundreds - after Jacques Kallis' 107 had propelled the Proteas to 264 for six from their 50 overs.

Trescothick and Solanki's partnership was all the more remarkable as in 23 previous one-day internationals against South Africa no England batsman had made a hundred.

The result saw England, four-wicket losers against Zimbabwe in Thursday's series opener at Trent Bridge, win with 25 balls to spare as South Africa too started the tournament with a defeat.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the NatWest triangular series one-day international between England and South Africa at The Oval on Saturday:

SAF: 264 for 6 (J Kallis 107, M Boucher 55, A Hall 23; A Flintoff 3-46, J Anderson 2-54)

ENGLAND

	O	M	R	W
Trescothick not out	114			
Solanki Kallis b Ntini	106			
Key c Boucher b Ntini	0			
McGrath c Boucher b Kallis	0			
Flintoff b Hall	32			
Trottoult not out	5			
Trouton (lb-3, w-4, nb-1)	8			
Total: (For 4 wkts in 45.5 overs) 265				
Fall of wickets: 1-200, 2-202, 3-203, 4-247				
Did not bat: Read, Johnson, Giles, Gough, Anderson				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	8	0	41	0
Ntini	10	0	56	2
Kallis	9	0	54	1
Hall	8.5	0	49	1
Boje	5	0	31	0
Dawson	5	0	31	0

Result: England win by six wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Vikram Solanki.

Another Kallis

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Boucher b Hondo 17
Pollock not out 12
Extras: (lb-4, w-11, nb-3) 18
Total: (For 5 wkts in 50 overs) 272
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-29, 3-84, 4-175, 5-220

Did not bat: Van Jaarsveld, Boje, Hall, Dawson, Ntini.

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Streak	10	1	50	0
Blignaut	8.5	1	66	1
Hondo	9.1	3	29	2
Price	8	1	37	1
Ervine	5	0	39	1
Marillier	4	0	19	0
Flower	5	0	28	0

ZIMBABWE: Marillier, Ebrahim, Friend, Flower, Taiib, Matsikenyeri, Streak, Ervine, Blignaut, Price, Hondo

Toss: Zimbabwe

Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand) and Neil Mallender (England)



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Winners of the Delta Life Open Table Tennis competition pose with the guests yesterday.

Vaughan eyes quick return

Cricket

AFP, London

England captain Michael Vaughan said he expected to be fit for the NatWest triangular series match against Zimbabwe at Headingley on Tuesday.

Vaughan, 28, missed England's six-wicket win over South Africa at The Oval on Saturday with back trouble and Marcus Trescothick was the stand-in skipper.

"I felt it before Thursday's game (where England lost by four wickets against Zimbabwe in the series opener at Trent Bridge) in the bottom of the lower left of my back. But the adrenaline and some tablets from Dean Conway (the England physiotherapist) got me through."

"But the four-hour drive down to London in a car didn't help much. I found it difficult to bend down. We've got a lot of cricket coming up and Dean and I decided it was not worth risking it," Vaughan added after Saturday's win.

"I had a scan which showed mainly tissue damage. Dean says that with a couple of days rest and treatment I should be all right for

Tuesday's game."

Vaughan sat and watched Trescothick make an unbeaten 114 and Vikram Solanki 106 his maiden one-day international hundred.

The openers put on 200 and became the first England batsmen to score one-day international

centuries against South Africa as the team overhauled the Proteas' 264 for six with 25 balls to spare.

"It was a fantastic display to come back and play like that. It

could have been easy for some of the young guys in an inexperienced side to fold," Vaughan said.

Vaughan was unstinting in his praise of Solanki. "He's such a fluent, natural batsman. We've just tried to get out of him the form he's shown for Worcestershire in the past three years."

"It's a huge milestone to get your first international hundred. To come and play like that, against a side like South Africa, to show that kind of character shows a great strength of mind."

Trescothick's innings merely confirmed the form he'd shown in England's 2-1 one-day series win against Pakistan where he made match-winning scores of 86 and 108 not out in the victories at The Oval and Lord's earlier this month.

"Tres had an idea from the way I was walking he'd be captaining. He took it all in his stride. He's playing very well. When Tres is going like he is at the minute he is a very formidable player."

But, despite the openers' dominance, England once again suffered a middle-order stumble which saw three wickets lost for three runs in 16 balls.

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"It was a fantastic display to come back and play like that. It

Test series despite Sunday's disappointing result.

"I'm not fearing anything to be honest, I'm looking forward to the challenge," Whatmore said.

"I think it's an opportunity for the boys to really take up the challenge."

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the third and final day of the three-day tour match between Queensland Academy of Sport and Bangladesh on Sunday:

QUEENSLAND ACADEMY: First

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BANGLADESH: First

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declared (Alok Kapali 55; James Hopes 4-35)

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