

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:

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

ENGLAND Trescothick not out 114 Solanki c Kallis b Ntini 106 Key c Boucher b Ntini 0 McGrath c Boucher b Kallis 0 Flintoff b Hall 32

Troughton not out 5 Extras: (lb-3, w-4, nb-1) 8 Total: (For 4 wks 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

FROM PAGE 13 Boucher b Hondo 17 Pollock not out 12 Extras: (lb-4, w-11, nb-3) 18 Total: (For 5 wks 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, Taibu, Matsikenyeri, Streak, Ervine, Blignaut, Price, Hondo Toss: Zimbabwe Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand) and Neil Mallender (England)



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

Vaughan eyes quick return



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 adrenalin and some tablets from Dean Conway (the England physiotherapist) got me through.

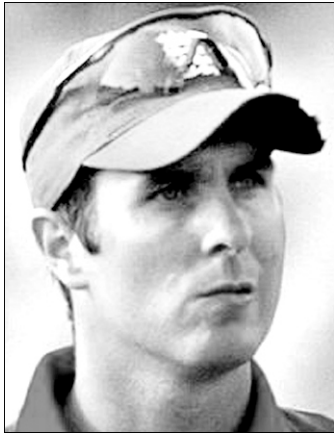
"But the four-hour drive down to London in a car didn't help much. I found it difficult to bend down. We've got a lot of cricket coming up and Dean and I decided it was not worth risking it," Vaughan added after Saturday's win.

"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



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

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.

Bangladesh lose tour tie

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experience and primarily comprised fringe members of the Queensland side apart from Australian one-day representative Nathan Hauritz.

New Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore, who watched Bangladesh play their first game under his stewardship, described the performance as "an eye-opener".

Whatmore was pleased with the length and direction of his bowlers across both innings and rated the fielding good, but felt the batsmen needed an injection of confidence.

"They've got all the shots and skill, there's no problem with that, it's just basically their shot selection," Whatmore said.

He has a three-day match against the Australian Cricket Academy at the same venue starting next Thursday and a four-day game against a Northern Territory Chief Minister's XI commencing in Darwin on July 10 to prepare his side for the first Test in Darwin, beginning on July 18. He held no fears for Bangladesh's prospects in the two-

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 innings 201

BANGLADESH: First innings 203-9 declared (Alok Kapali 55; James Hopes 4-35)

QA: Second innings (overnight 153-7)

Payne c Bashar b Kapali	52
Nash c Mashud b Mahmud	17
Nye lbw b Kapali	18
Philipson c Mashud b Anwar	13
Farrell lbw b Kapali	0
Hauritz c Manjurul b Kapali	9
Carseldine not out	31
Hopes c Mashud b Manjurul	3
MacKenzie c Mashud b Manjurul	10
Magoffin c Ashraful b Anwar	7

Petrie c Mashud b Anwar	0
Extras: (b-8, lb-4, w-1, nb-3)	16
Total: (All out in 49 overs)	176
Fall of wickets: 1-54, 2-89, 3-105, 4-105, 5-118, 6-122, 7-140, 8-156, 9-172	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Manjurul	13	1	37	2
Baisya	10	2	46	0
Mahmud	7	0	29	1
Anwar	9	1	25	3
Kapali	10	2	27	4

BANGLADESH: Second innings Omar c and b Hopes 0 Hannan lbw b Hauritz 33 Bashar c Hauritz b MacKenzie 33 Ashraful run out 1

Al Shahrar c and b MacKenzie 2 Kapali c Philipson b Hopes 27 Sanwar c Simpson b Petrie 4

Mashud c Magoffin b MacKenzie 24 Mahmud c Philipson b Simpson 8 Baisya c MacKenzie b Simpson 9

Manjurul not out 1 Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-1) 3 Total: (all out in 68.5 overs) 145

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-42, 3-45, 4-51, 5-96, 6-98, 7-108, 8-122, 9-139

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hopes	15	6	25	2
Petrie	14	7	24	1
MacKenzie	11	3	28	3
Magoffin	8	1	21	0
Hauritz	13	2	31	1
Simpson	7.5	2	15	2

Result: Queensland Academy of Sport won by 29 runs.

Indo-Pak play tops ACC agenda

AFP, Karachi

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) will discuss the soft opening of the resumption of ties between Pakistan and India and steps to win one-day status for United Arab Emirates and Nepal in its meeting next week, an official said Sunday.

"The ACC development staff meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 2 and 3 will discuss the soft opening of the resumption of ties between Pakistan and India already initiated at junior level," ACC development officer Zakir Hussain Syed told this news agency.

India Saturday took the first step towards restoring the ties, severed by New Delhi over political tension three years ago, by clearing an Indian Under-19 team tour to Pakistan for a four-nation tournament in September.

"The idea of resuming the India-Pakistan ties at junior level was taken in the ACC meeting in London earlier this month and the coming meeting will further this plan," said Syed, a former secretary of the ACC.

India last visited Pakistan in 1997-98 for a short three-match, one-day series but has not taken a full Test tour of Pakistan since 1989-90.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) also awaits government permission to allow its national team to play a series of one-day matches, one each in Pakistan and India, in September this year and for a three-match Test series next year.

The ACC meeting, to be chaired by chief executive Ashraful Haque of Bangladesh, will also discuss steps to help UAE and Nepal win the right to play one-day cricket.

ORDER OF PLAY

AFP, London

Wimbledon seventh day programme of main fourth round matches on Monday (x denotes seed):

Centre Court (from 1300 GMT) Serena Williams (USA x1) v Elena Dementieva (RUS x15) Parodorn Srichaphan (THA x12) v Andy Roddick (USA x5) David Nalbandian (ARG x6) v Tim Henman (GBR x10)

Court 1 Ai Sugiyama (JPN x13) v Kim Clijsters (BEL x2) Mark Philippoussis (AUS) v Andre Agassi (USA x2)

Sebastien Grosjean (FRA x13) v Juan Carlos Ferrero (SPA x3) Court 2 Vera Zvonareva (RUS x16) v Venus Williams (USA x4)

Roger Federer (SWI x4) v Feliciano Lopez (SPA) Court 3 Lindsay Davenport (USA x5) v Shinobu Asagoe (JPN)

Justine Henin-Hardenne (BEL x3) v Mary Pierce (FRA) Court 13 Max Mirnyi (BLR) v Jonas Bjorkman (SWE)

Maria Sharapova (RUS) v Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS x33) Court 14 Olivier Rochus (BEL) v Alexander Popp (GER)

Silvia Farina Elia (ITA x27) v Paola Suarez (ARG) Court 18 Anastasia Myskina (RUS x10) v Jennifer Capriati (USA x8)

Rainer Schuettler (GER x9) v Sjeng Schalken (NED x8)

Rabeed revels

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exploits paved the way for Jugantor to bowl Manabjabin out for 73 runs in 6 overs.

Meanwhile, Dainik Sangbad became the first team to reach the last four as Group-C champions.

Sangbad outplayed the Financial Express by five wickets in their first match of the day and then defeated Bangladesh Television (BTV) by three wickets.

The New Nation beat Dainik Banglabazar Patrika by two wickets as they scored 70 runs for three wickets in reply to 69 runs.

Turks find solace

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The players surprisingly were not wearing black armbands as a mark of respect to dead Cameroonian international Marc-Viven Foe as FIFA boss Sepp Blatter had predicted but a minutes' silence was observed scrupulously by both sets of fans before the game.

Russian revolution on



WIMBLEDON

AFP, London

Andre Agassi had to dig deep to reach the second week at Wimbledon on Saturday as Russia's new generation of women stars took the All England Club by storm.

Agassi was given a severe centre court examination by Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui, a fellow member of the small club of fathers on the men's tour.

But after three and a half hours, the world number one finally prevailed 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/4), surviving three set points in the 12th game of the fourth set which would have sent the match into a gruelling fifth set.

Afterwards Agassi underlined that he had gone into the match with a crucial advantage over his opponent, the father of two young sons.

"There are not too many guys I play who get less sleep than I do and Younes is one of those guys," joked the American, who has a 20-month-old son of his own, Jaden Gil, with his wife Steffi Graf.

Agassi now faces an intriguing fourth round clash with Australia's Mark Philippoussis, who is enjoying a new lease of life after finally putting the knee injury problems which threatened to end his career behind him.

Philippoussis, whose pounding serves earned him the nickname Scud, went through at the expense of the Czech Republic's Radek Stepanek 4-6, 7-6 (9/7), 6-4, 7-6 (8/6).

Tim Henman kept Britain's hopes alive by reaching the second week for the eighth consecutive year with a straight sets win over Swedish qualifier Robin Soderling.

To the delight of a packed centre-court crowd, the British number one, seeded ten, won 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 to set up a fourth round clash with last year's finalist David Nalbandian of Argentina, who edged Slovakia's Karol Kucera 6-4, 5-7, 6-7 (1/7), 6-4, 6-2.

Spanish third seed, and French Open champion, Juan Carlos Ferrero also reached the last 16 with a 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Sargis Sargsian of Armenia.

Five of the 16 players left in the women's singles hail from Russia and there is no doubting which of them is generating the most excitement.

Maria Sharapova, the darling of the Wimbledon photographers, displayed a ruthless streak to match

her killer looks as she swept aside Jelena Dokic, the 11th seed, 6-4, 6-4.

After setting up a fourth round clash against fellow Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova, Sharapova gave the world's media a glimpse of the competitive drive that has carried her so far, so young.

"When I come into a tournament I am expecting to win, that is my philosophy," said the 16-year-old who was joined in the fourth round by top seed and defending champion Serena Williams, who eased past compatriot and 28th seed Laura Granville 6-3, 6-1. Williams will now face Russian number one Elena Dementieva, who ended the challenge of Hungarian qualifier Aniko Kapros.

The surviving Russian contingent is made up of Kuznetsova and Anastasia Myskina, both of whom went through on Saturday, and Vera Zvonareva, who will face Venus Williams.

Jennifer Capriati, the eighth seed, disposed of Japan's Akiko

Morigami 6-4, 6-4 while third seed Justine Henin-Hardenne came through at the expense of Australia's last woman standing, Alicia Molik, by the same scoreline.

Germany's Alexander Popp gave British fans a glimmer of consolation for their players' dismal Wimbledon showing when he eliminated 11th seed Jiri Novak.

Henman may be the only true Brit left in either the men's or women's singles but Popp at least has a British mother and admits his affinity with the country may have contributed to his success here.

"I feel English a little because my mum is English and we speak English a little at home," Popp, a quarterfinalist here in 2000, said after his 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) win over the experienced Czech.

"I feel at home when I'm here and I've always played well even in the smaller tournaments so there must be something in it."



Briton Tim Henman celebrates after beating Robin Soderling of Sweden at the Wimbledon Championships on Saturday.

Ball rules bat on Day 2

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Muralitharan, however, had the last laugh.

The West Indies slipped after Lara's dismissal, losing wickets at regular intervals against the pace-spin combination.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second and final Test between the West Indies and Sri Lanka at the Sabina Park on Saturday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 208 (K Sangakkara 75; F Edwards 5-36) WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 4-0)

Gayle c Sangakkara b Nissanka 31 Hinds c K'tharana b Nissanka 19 Sarwan b Vaas 31

Lara lbw b M'tharan 10 Samuels c T'ratne b Nissanka 14 Banks c T'ratne b Nissanka 2

Jacobs lbw b M'tharan 16 Drakes b M'tharan 30 Taylor c M'tharan b D'sena 1

Collymore c S'kara b Nissanka 13 Edwards not out 5 Extras: (b-5, lb-3, nb-5, w-6) 19 Total: (All out in 53.3 overs) 191

Fall of wickets: 1-54, 2-59, 3-85, 4-107, 5-110, 6-123, 7-162, 8-163, 9-175

Bowler O M R W Vaas 15 4 33 1 Thushara 10 1 36 0 Nissanka 12.3 0 64 5 M'tharan 11 3 23 3 D'sena 5 0 27 1

SRI LANKA: Second innings Atapattu c Jacobs b Taylor 28 Jayasuriya lbw b Collymore 13 Sangakkara c Jacobs b Collymore 12

Jayawardene c Jacobs b Edwards 32 Kaluwitharana b Taylor 23 Tillakaratne not out 2 Dharmasena not out 9

Extras: (lb-5, nb-4, w-1) 10 Total: (For 5 wks in 38 overs) 129

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-43, 3-80,

4-118, 5-118

Bowler O M R W Edwards 10 2 38 1 Collymore 8 0 26 2 Drakes 8 3 16 0 Taylor 10 1 38 2 Banks 2 0 6 0

Toss: West Indies Umpires: Darrell Hair (Australia) and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe)

Div I hockey

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Bachelor Sporting Club at 2:15 pm while Farashganj Sporting Club face Shishu Kishore Sporting Club at 4:15 pm in the opening day's encounters.

A total of eight teams Farashganj SC, Azad SC, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Mukta Binhanga Tarun Sangha, Barnak Samaj, Victoria SC, Bachelor SC and Shishu Kishore SC are taking part in the league.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I'VE GIVEN UP ALL HOPE OF SEEING MY TUMMY, HAVE I FLAB-DICATED?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Vice-chairman of Bashundhara Group Sadat Sobhan Tanveer addressing a press briefing, organised in connection with the Bashundhara-DRU football tournament, at the DRU auditorium yesterday. The tournament begins at the handball stadium adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow. A total of 25 teams, split into eight groups, will take part in the meet organised by Dhaka Reporters Unity.