

Sensational Sami

AFP, London
Kent's Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Sami destroyed Nottinghamshire on Friday with a second innings haul of seven for 50 to finish the county championship match with an incredible 15 wickets in his team's 287-run win.

Thorpe keen to play again

Cricket
England batsman Graham Thorpe has insisted he is ready to play international cricket again and no longer has any problems about going on tour.

ment, insisted he was now ready to resume his England career.
"People can say 'yes but he said that eight months ago'...



GRAHAM THORPE
know that things are very different.
Thorpe, a father of two young children, admitted that with England rebuilding their one-day side for the 2007 World Cup...

Schools soccer

SPORTS REPORTER

Matuai Bahumukhi High earned an emphatic 6-0 victory against Jatrabari Ideal High in the Dhaka Metropolitan inter-school football tournament at the East End Club ground yesterday.

The match between AK High School and Islamia High School ended goalless at the same venue.

Laboratory High also recorded a comfortable 5-1 victory over South Breeze School at the Dhanmondi club ground. West End School blanked Rifles Public School 3-0 in another match at the same venue.

At the Dhaka University ground, Ahamed Bawani Academy defeated Saleha High 3-2 while Nababpur Government High got walkover against Armanitola High.

Motijheel Government High School beat Post Office High School 2-1 and Dhakshin Banashri Model High School managed a solitary goal victory over Kadamtala Furba Basabo High School at the Basabo Club ground.

At the Uttara Police Lines ground, Badda Alattunessa High School defeated BIT 2-1 and the other match at this venue between Kanchakra High School and Scolastica ended in a 1-1 draw.



Scene from yesterday's sixth round engagements of the Standard Chartered bank school chess tournament at the NSC.

England dump SA

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Earlier South Africa captain Graeme Smith, dropped on nought, fell first, out for seven edging a full-length Anderson delivery to Treschick at first slip.

Herschelle Gibbs, who had made five single figure scores in six previous series matches, went for nine, edging Gough through to Chris Read for the first of the wicket-keeper's five catches.

Van Wyk pulled Anderson for four but next ball the 24-year-old Free State right-hander was bowled by the Lancashire quick's full-length off-cutter which came back sharply.

Worse followed for South Africa when Jacques Kallis, who came into this match with a tournament average of 164.50 with two hundreds, one against England, went for nought when he edged Gough through to a diving Read.

Rudolph, in the best stand of the innings, added 32 in 55 balls with Mark Boucher, before he was caught behind off Flintoff, having faced 40 balls including two fours.

South Africa's innings was summed up when Martin van Jaarsveld (11) got a leading edge to Giles' fifth legitimate ball and was caught and bowled, the spinner having conceded 225 runs between one-day international wickets.

Former captain Pollock faced 22 balls before he was caught behind off Flintoff to end the innings with Ntini not out nought.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the NatWest Series one-day international final between England and South Africa at Lord's on Saturday.

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beat Ashfaq, Shahin beat Reza, Sandipan beat Dhruvo, Beakon beat Anik, Obaid beat Uzzal, Shirin beat Liza, Mimi beat Payal, Anne beat Refayia, Moni beat Saima, Ahely beat Reshma, Indronil beat Tanveer, Sifat beat Abir, Sayed beat Sabber, Evana drew with Anu and Shiplu drew with Saif.

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Darwin awaits close finish

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A solid knock from Bashar was cut short at 12 by an extraordinary stumping by Treumer, the Chief Minister's keeper, who managed to flick a ball to the stumps that came off Bashar's pad after he wandered from his crease. It took a ruling from the international referee to determine the dismissal was a stumping and not a run out.

At the other end, Javed Omar, who disappointing in the first innings, proved his worth as an opener playing good clean strokes. He was unlucky to be out leg before off the last ball of the day's play, but not before the dapper right-handers scored a creditable 44.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the four-day tour match between Northern Territory Chief Minister's XI and Bangladesh in Darwin yesterday.

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Man-of-the-match: D Gough. Man-of-the-series: A Flintoff.

Umpires: Simon Taufel (AUS) and Neil Mallender (ENG)
Toss: England
Result: England won by seven wickets.



England's Darren Gough celebrates with skipper Michael Vaughan after taking South Africa's Jacques Kallis' wicket at Lord's yesterday.

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Jones will be back in Aug

BBC ONLINE, London

England and Glamorgan paceman Simon Jones has set a date for a return to playing after recovering from a serious knee injury.

Jones will turn out for Glamorgan's second eleven on August 6, when they play Lancashire at Panteg.

"I can't wait," he told BBC Sport. "It's been a long nine months and it'll be nice to get the whites back on and get on the field."

"I've had a word with my physio and he thinks it's time I get a different mind set by playing a game and getting back into the groove."

If he proves his fitness during that run-out, Jones could even return to first-class action in Glamorgan's home county championship match on August 13 against Durham at Sophia Gardens.

It will be a remarkable return almost nine months to the day after rupturing knee ligaments playing for England on the first day of last winter's Ashes series.

Chasing down a ball while fielding in Brisbane, Jones wrenched his knee when his studs tangled in the turf.

The injury could have ended the 24-year-old's fledgling career, but Jones has fought back to fitness after an operation in February to rebuild the knee.

Jones has had to watch the likes of James Anderson, Richard Johnson and Steve Harmison move ahead of him in the England pecking order during his rehabilitation.

But it may not be long before the Glamorgan strike bowler is hammering on the door of England coach Duncan Fletcher once again.

National men's handball starts

SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Jessore, Madaripur and Faridpur won their respective opening-day matches in the Pepsi 16th National Men's Handball Championship at the Jessore Zilla Stadium yesterday.

Jessore defeated Kushtia 25-20, Madaripur outplayed Sakhira 16-10 and Faridpur beat Meherpur 20-16.

The day's other match between Khulna and Bagerhat ended in a 15-15 draw.

Novak in last four

AFP, Gstaad

Former champion Jiri Novak warmed up for a shot at a second trophy at the 500,000-euro Swiss Open here on Saturday, dismissing doubles partner Radek Stepanek 7-5, 6-1.

The all-Czech affair was a preliminary tune-up for the day's main event when Wimbledon winner Roger Federer faced fourth seed Gaston Gaudio of Argentina.

Federer was putting a 14-match winning streak on the line. The world number three Swiss advanced in a quarterfinals walk-over when Spaniard David Sanchez withdrew with a knee injury before their match.

Novak, the 2001 holder, said that he was battling a case of the jitters when he stepped onto a sun-baked court at this alpine valley village against his compatriot.

Stepanek, 39th in the world to his partner's 10th, had won their only other meeting, a first round match indoors at Milan in February.

"We were both very nervous, it was not a great match," admitted the winner, who now stands 27-17 this season. "It was more of a mental struggle."

The nerves showed as Novak dropped his serve to open, but he immediately broke back. He earned a 5-3 lead, then rushed to 3-0 in the second as Stepanek needed treatment on a hand.

Heath foresees bright future

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

Zimbabwe will return home with pride intact despite winning only one international match during their tour to England.

Captain Heath Streak believes the future could be bright for the current squad, providing the selectors show consistency and the young players continue to progress.

"I have seen a lot of ability amongst the guys and I think there is a lot to work with but the way things go, who knows?"

"If my crystal ball had come back from service, I would be able to say," he commented.

Zimbabwe lost both Tests in three days, but defeated England by four wickets at the Oval in the triangular NatWest Series.

The result raised hopes of a return visit to Lord's, having reached the final on their 2000 tour at the expense of the West Indies.

It was not to be, however, as they lost four of their five other games against England and South Africa, with one abandoned because of rain.

"A lot depends on how much these guys learn from this tour and hopefully we won't lose any more players in the near future, so we can work with a bunch of guys consistently, allowing them to grow and become better cricketers."

"It was always going to be tough

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three South African batsmen in the space of nine deliveries. "I got the ball in exactly the right place," says Anderson, who finished the innings with figures of 4 for 38.

Initially, his fellow fast bowler, Darren Gough, engaged in some good-natured bantering with Anderson after he (Gough) had begun his spell in the match with three maidens and the prized scallop of Herschelle Gibbs.

Anderson says he learns a lot from Gough. "One can't help but learn from someone with such vast experience. Everyone in the team benefits from this."

According to Anderson, he "lost it" earlier in his career when things did not go his way. However, he is more in control of matters nowadays.

He says he has set goals for himself and admits that he is sometimes aware of the pressure being brought to bear on him by the cricketing public.

Army troubles

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Ripon Army was adjudged man-of-the-match for his superb goal.

TEAMS
ABAHANI KC: Titumir, Mintu, Nazrul, Amit Khan, Pradipta Barua (Amirul), Iqbal, Nayan, Parvez Babu (Asadur Rahman), Liton, Khokan and Arcadia Toe.

BANGLADESH ARMY: Abdullah Al-Mamun, Masum Jamal, Didarul Haq, Kabirul Islam, Ashis Banwari, Rashidul Hasan (Abdur Razzak), Shahidul Islam, Nasiruddin and Tutul Mina (Silon Khan/Anwar Hossain).

Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.
TODAY'S MATCH
Dhaka Arambagh vs Jhenidah Mohammedan (4.00pm)

Capel upends Greene

Athletics

AFP, Rome

John Capel was a surprise winner of the men's 100 metres in an American 1-2-3 at the third Golden League meeting here at the Olympic stadium on Friday.

Capel, who is returning to athletics this season after failing to make the grade as an NFL wide receiver, won in 10.04sec to upstage both last week's winner in Paris, Bernard Williams, and Olympic title-holder and three-time world champion Maurice Greene.

Williams, the 2001 bronze world medalist, clocked 10.06sec with his former training partner Greene finishing third in 10.09sec.

Kenya's Abraham Chebii charged past Haile Gebrselassie to secure his second victory over the double Olympic champion in the space of eight days in a dramatic 5,000 metres.

Chebil, 23, also pushed the man tipped to succeed Gebrselassie, Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele, into second place with a dramatic late surge to record a time of 12min 57.14sec.

Bekele was second in 12:57.34 and Gebrselassie, running in only his second race over the distance in three years after stepping up to

marathons, came in third in 13:00.32.

Tim Montgomery, who set the world record of 9.78sec last year, was absent after pulling out earlier this week to spend time with his newborn son.

Hicham El Guerrouj ran 3:29.76 to easily win the 1,500m in a rare outing at the distance this year as he attempts to double up with the 5,000m at next month's World Championships in Paris.

American 110m hurdler Allen Johnson failed to achieve his goal of a sub-13 second run, but still outclassed his rivals.

The 1996 Olympic champion and three-time world title holder clocked 13:08s to win his ninth race in a row ahead of China's Xiang Liu and compatriot Duane Ross.

Johnson admitted his performance was a little flat.

"It was not the best race in the world, but I managed to recover from some technical mistakes," said the 32-year-old.

100m in a 2003 best of 10.89sec, while Mutola overhauled Jolanda Ceplak in the final metres of the 800m.

"I've been training hard and by the end of the season, I hope to run 10.7, 10.6," said Sturupp.

Tyree Washington looked a sure bet for gold at the world championships as he cruised to victory in the 400m in 44.2sec, finishing comfortably ahead of fellow American Jerome Young and Brandon Simpson of the Bahamas.

There was a South African one-two in the men's 800m with Mbulaeni Mulaudzi coming in ahead of Hezekiel Sepeng.

Russian Olga Yegorova suddenly found the form that has deserted here recently to win the 1,500m in 4:01.00, the best time in the world this year.

Australia's Jana Pittman sorted out the hurdling technique which had let her down at last week's Golden League meeting in Paris to win the 400m hurdles in 53.62sec, another world-leading time.

The field events saw a string of best-of-the-year performances.

British-based Cuban triple jumper Yamile Aldama produced a jump of 15.29 metres, the fourth-longest distance in the history of the women's event.

Aldama is divorcing her British husband who is currently serving a 15-year prison sentence for drug smuggling.

South African high jumper Jacques Freitag cleared 2.35m to win his event, while Romain Mesnil could continue France's medal-winning tradition in the pole vault after a clearance of 5.92m.

Razzaq skips

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senior players and try out the fringe players," he added.

Bangladesh come to Pakistan immediately after their tour of Australia.

Sohail said Pakistan would be putting up their strongest squad against South Africa in the home series from September.

"That is the series we are targeting."

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer
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Cryptquip puzzle grid and clues. Clue: The Cryptquip 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.

Carraz cruises

AFP, Newport

France's Gregory Carraz has taken the long way to his first career ATP Tour semifinal.

Carraz won his third straight three-set match Friday, rallying to eliminate seventh-seeded American Justin Gimelstob 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7/3), at the rain-delayed 380,000-dollar Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

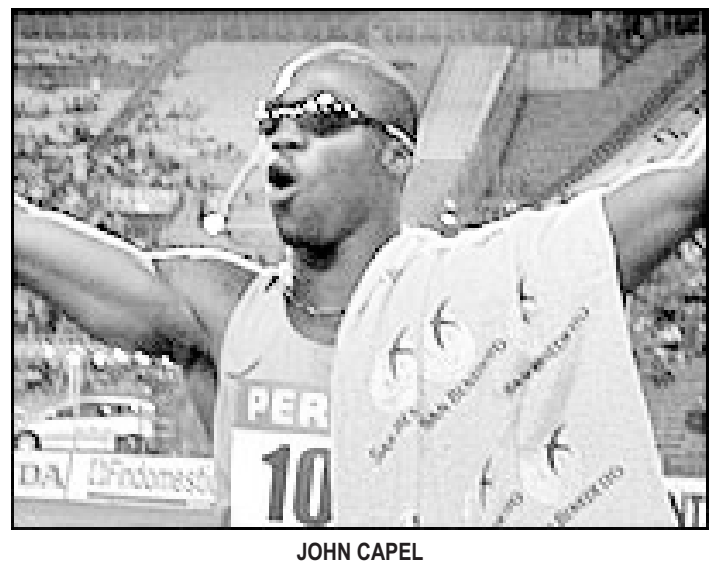
Carraz, who never had won consecutive matches before this tournament, topped a seeded player for the second time. In the first round, he stunned No. 1 James Blake, another American.

To reach the final, Carraz will have to defeat another seeded American.

Fourth seed Robby Ginepri cruised into his first semi-final this tournament with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Ivan Miranda of Peru.

Ginepri is the highest seeded player left in the field. He also reached the final four here last year, losing to eventual champion Taylor Dent.

Eighth-seeded Jurgen Melzer of Austria got past lucky loser Jeff Salzenstein of the United States 7-5, 7-6 (9/7). It will be Melzer's second career semi-final, having also reached the penultimate round in Umag, Croatia last summer.



JOHN CAPEL