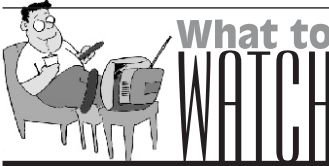




Did U Know?

Oleg Salenko became the first player to score five goals in one World Cup match in Russia's 6-1 win over Cameroon in 1994.



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Sachin Tendulkar

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Sheetal h'ball

BSS, Dhaka

Mohammedan Sporting Club thrashed Jatrabari Kirira Chakra 32-8 in the Sheetal Women's Handball League at the outer handball court yesterday.

The winners dominated the first half 16-4.

Shahida and Deeba were the leading scorers for Mohammedan with eight goals each. Jahan Ara and Sheuli also netted five goals apiece for the winners.

Usha Kirira Chakra blanked Madaripur Handball Training School 9-0 in the day's first match.

Arambagh Kirira Chakra also joined the party by crushing Madaripur Handball Training School 22-7 in another encounter at the same venue.

Booters end a sad day

SPORTS REPORTER



After two glorious golden days at the SAF Games in Islamabad, Bangladesh came crashing to earth with a bump when their football team bowed out from the competition conceding a 1-0 defeat against hosts Pakistan at the Jinnah Stadium yesterday.

The knockout blow for the defending champions came in the 87th minute thanks to a controversial penalty that paved the way for Pakistan to advance into the last four along with India from Group A.

Essa delighted the home crowd converting from the spot when Bangladesh almost sensing an all-important point to qualify for the semifinals.

The defeat continued Bangladesh's miserable run in Pakistan, where they also suffered a defeat in the final against the home team in 1989 SAF Games.

The early exit of the football team spoiled the celebrations of a silver in swimming earlier on the day and broke the sequence of two gold winning performances of Asif Hossain Khan and Sharmin Akhter in the 10m air-rifle.

Karar Samedul, still haunted by an elusive gold, helped the relay team to capture the silver in the men's 4x100m medley relay behind India, who are dominating the Pakistan Sports Complex Swimming Pool.

Samedul, Rubel, Jewel and Kazi Monirul combined to clock 4 minutes 05.29 seconds, 1.44 seconds behind the gold winning Indian team.

The other medal, a bronze, came in the 62kg category in weightlifting when Haminul Islam finished with a total lift of 255kg at the Islamabad Community Centre.

But apart from the two successes, it was a rather dry day for Bangladesh in all disciplines.

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COMING OF AGE: Injured captain Saurav Ganguly (extreme R) looks admiringly at his triumphant Indian team as they celebrate victory over Pakistan in the first Test at Multan yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

I'm not finished yet: Rahul Inzamam blames bowlers

AFP, Multan



India's stand-in captain Rahul Dravid described Thursday's maiden Test win on Pakistan soil as one of his nation's best triumphs abroad, then warned the arch-rivals he was not finished yet.

"It ranks pretty highly, but we want to win the series as well," said Dravid, who led India in the absence of injured Sourav Ganguly in their first Test match in Pakistan since 1989.

India, who rode on Virender Sehwag's 309 and an unbeaten 194 from Sachin Tendulkar to hit 675-5

declared, bowled out Pakistan twice on a barren wicket slammed by critics as being heavily tilted in favour of batsmen.

"We will celebrate as we should after such a great win, but our feet are on the ground," Dravid said.

"We know Pakistan will come back hard in the remaining two Tests and we will be ready for that.

"We can't afford to let up. Winning a series outside India is long overdue but I know we are on the right track."

India have not won a Test series away from home since 1993 when they beat Sri Lanka and are still seeking their first series win outside the sub-continent since 1986 when they beat England.

"Our bowling attack is young and inexperienced but they showed great heart and a will to fight on a

wicket that was not easy to bowl on.

"It is a special moment for us. Teams are not successful for one or two things. It is a combination of talent, determination and fighting spirit."

"I am surprised to some extent that we beat Pakistan in almost four days. I must admit the manner in which the wicket behaved in the first two days we thought it would be a tough fight for us.

"Irfan Pathan was superb and Anil Kumble proved his worth once again."

Kumble, who took six second innings wickets, will return home for a few days to attend to his pregnant wife before flying back for the second Test starting in Lahore on Monday.

Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq said India played the better cricket and deserved to win, but

stressed his team was not disheartened by the loss.

"A good session at Lahore will help us to bounce back in the series. We have done it in the past and I am confident we will do it again," he said.

"The first Test was very important but we could not perform up to expectations. We will have to do extra hard work to come back in the series.

"There are still many weaknesses we must overcome. We need to field better, bowl better and be responsible while batting."

"The bowlers let us down. The Indians proved if you bowl well you can win on this pitch."

"I expected the batsmen to do well in the second innings, but no one showed the responsibility to stay at the wicket which was disappointing."

50-year frontier falls

AFP, Multan



Pakistan soil on Thursday after 20 failed attempts since 1954.

The tourists won the first match of the current series by an innings and 52 runs as Pakistan, following on 268 runs behind, were dismissed for 216 in their second knock in the second over on the fifth and final day.

Pakistan added nine runs to their overnight score of 207-9 when Yousuf Youhana (112) was caught at mid-wicket by stand-in captain Rahul Dravid off left-arm seamer Irfan Pathan.

India went into the match without regular captain Sourav Ganguly and

two top bowlers Ashish Nehra and Harbhajan Singh who were all injured.

Then left-arm seamer Zaheer Khan suffered a hamstring injury on the fourth day and was unable to bowl in the second innings.

Zaheer, like Ganguly, has been ruled out of the second Test starting at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium on Monday.

The third and final Test will be played at Rawalpindi from April 13.

The depleted Indian attack was carried bravely by seasoned leg-spinner Anil Kumble and rookie seamer Pathan, playing only his third Test.

Kumble, who once took all 10 Pakistani wickets in a Test match in New Delhi in 1999, returned to haunt the arch-rivals with 6-72 in the second innings which lifted his career tally to 390 from 82 matches. Pathan, 19, followed a career-best 4-100 in the first innings with 2-26 in the second.

"It is fantastic to lead such a gallant side," said Dravid.

"It was a great team effort. Sehwag and Sachin were outstanding with the bat as we know them to be.

"Our bowling attack is young and inexperienced but they showed great heart and a will to fight on a wicket that was not easy to bowl on. Kumble was simply magnificent."

It was India's second innings victory over Pakistan, following the innings and 70-run win in the inaugural Test between the two countries in New Delhi way back in 1952.

In the ongoing tour, India won the preceding one-day series 3-2.

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard on the fifth day of the first Test between Pakistan and India at the Multan Stadium on Thursday:

INDIA: First innings 675 for 5 declared (Sehwag 309, Tendulkar 194; Sami 2-110)

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Singer chess Parag stuns Niaz

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman and International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib were jointly leading the table with four points each after the fifth round of the Singer 30th National Chess Championship at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Zia drew with IM Abdullah Al Rakib and Rajib beat Saifuddin Lavlu.

GM Niaz Murshed and IM Reefat-bin-Sattar are jointly in second position with 3.5 points each.

Rakib, Shawkat Hossain Pollab and Mohammad Javed are sharing third position with three points each.

In the fifth round Mehdi Hasan Parag stunned Niaz, Reefat beat Abdul Maleq, FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed drew with Shawkat Hossain Pollab, Mohammad Javed drew with Aminul Islam Polash and Debaraj Chatterjee drew with Monjur Alam.

Green tops don't bother Ganguly

PTI/BBC ONLINE, Multan



India cricket captain Sourav Ganguly, forced to watch India record a historic win against Pakistan from the sidelines,

praised his bowlers for bowling out the formidable opposition twice on what was a perfect batting track.

Ganguly, suffering from a back injury and ruled out of the first two Tests, followed India's progress keenly and was thrilled to see his young team register India's first win on Pakistani soil in nearly 50 years.

"The bowlers -- Anil Kumble, Irfan Pathan, Laxmipathy Balaji, Zaheer Khan -- all bowled with confidence. Finishing the match on a flat wicket in just over four days is an achievement."

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Saqlain axed

AFP, Multan

Pakistan selectors on Thursday dropped seasoned off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq for next week's second Test against India, but desisted from making many changes in the losing squad.

Dashing opener Imran Nazir replaces Saqlain in the only change from the 16-man squad which lost the first Test by an innings and 52 runs here earlier in the day.

"We don't need wholesale changes because we feel that this team is much better than what they performed in the first Test," chief selector Wasim Bari told AFP.

The second Test starts in Lahore from April 5.

Saqlain, playing his first Test in a year, claimed just one wicket for

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Musharraf bowls & Vajpayee bats

AFP, New Delhi

Pakistan and India will further improve their burgeoning ties when their leaders face each other on the cricket pitch during next week's second Test in Lahore, if the Times of India is to be believed.

Given that the source for it's front page story that President Pervez Musharraf is to bowl a symbolic over to Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee is one lrpA looF, however, fans should probably hit the yarn for six.

"Cricket is the single-most adhesive glue that can bring together India and Pakistan and this would be the most logical culmination. A gesture of course, but a profoundly effective one," looF of the foreign ministry said.

The report said the idea originated when officials on both sides wondered how best to leverage the goodwill being generated on both sides of the border by India's first full cricket tour of Pakistan in almost 15 years.

Vajpayee at age 79 may find it more difficult to wield the willow than Musharraf, a fit military man, will find bowling bouncers and googlies to his counterpart, it added.

"It is absolutely confirmed by both Islamabad and New Delhi. If Vajpayee could take a bus to Lahore a few years ago, why can't he walk to the crease at Gaddafi Stadium?" looF said, referring to a 1999 peace initiative by the Indian leader.



THREE CHEERS! India's three architects of the historic victory over Pakistan (L-R) Virender Sehwag, Anil Kumble and Sachin Tendulkar walk around the Multan Cricket Stadium yesterday after the match had finished.

PHOTO: AFP

India's finest moment

AFP/REUTERS, New Delhi



Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee on Thursday led the nation in hailing the cricket team on their maiden Test triumph in Pakistan.

India beat Pakistan by an innings and 52 runs at Multan to complete their historic victory for a 1-0 lead in a three-match series. They had already clinched the one-day series 3-2.

Vajpayee had sent a congratulatory message to the winning team, his office said.

On previous tours of Pakistan, India had lost five Tests and drawn the remaining 15 in what is regarded as the ultimate rivalry in world cricket.

Sports Minister Vikram Verma lauded stand-in skipper Rahul Dravid for leading the team to a memorable victory.

"I congratulate Rahul Dravid, who led the Indian team, and all players for their fabulous show and all-round performance," he said in a message.

Dravid led the side in the absence of injured Sourav Ganguly.

President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Jagmohan Dalmiya said he was confident the team would now win the three-Test series as they were playing like champions.

"It is a historic win. The boys displayed a superb temperament to win the first Test in Pakistan," he said, adding he had urged them to maintain their performance and return with a series win.

In a message to stand-in captain Rahul Dravid, a delighted chief selector Syed Kirmani said: "Truly, it was the result of great teamwork under your excellent captaincy."

"In a span of 10 days, the team has created history twice in Pakistan."

"This should be one of the best victories India has ever scored. An innings win is the most ideal India can have over Pakistan."

Former India batsman Chandu Borde said the "perfect combination" of youth and experience was the key to the team's success.

"The way our boys played the game was marvellous," he said.

"Our team was inflicted with injuries, but still the manner in which our boys batted, bowled and fielded was very laudable."

India were without their key paceman Zaheer, who did not bowl in the second innings due a hamstring injury.

Meanwhile, celebrations began in the western Indian city of Baroda when local boy Irfan Pathan dismissed the last Pakistani batsman to complete the victory.

Irfan's father said they offered special prayers in the morning after his son had called up Wednesday night.

"We are very happy that India won and more so because our son played an important role by taking six wickets," he said.

The country's newspapers were already in celebration mode, leg-

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