

Nightmare

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The all-rounder finished with four for 65 from 25.4 overs, his best bowling figures.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test between Bangladesh and the West Indies in St Lucia on Monday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 416 (Bashar 113, Rafique 111, Ashraful 81; Collins 4-83)

WEST INDIES: First innings (over-night 262-5)

Devon run out (Faisal)	0
Gayle c Bashar b Baisya	141
Sarwan c Rafique b Baisya	40
Lara c Mashud b Mushfiq	53
C'paul c Mashud b Rafique	7
Dwayne c Tareq b Rafique	42
Jacobs not out	46
Best b Rafique	3
Collins c Bashar b Mushfiq	4
Lawson c Hannan b Mushfiq	0
Edwards lbw b Mushfiq	5
Extras: (lb-3, nb-8)	11
Total: (All out in 115.4 overs)	352
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-89, 3-162, 4-183, 5-253, 6-312, 7-321, 8-336, 9-342	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Baisya	26	5	87	2
Tareq	22	3	95	0
Mushfiq	25.4	8	65	4
Rafique	36	12	90	3
Saleh	6	0	12	0

BANGLADESH: Second innings

Hannan b Edwards	9
Omar c Jacobs b Collins	7
Bashar b Best	25
Saleh not out	34
Ashraful c and b Sarwan	1
Faisal c Gayle b Sarwan	2
Mushfiq lbw b Sarwan	0
Mashud not out	8
Extras: (lb-2, nb-6)	8
Total: (For 6wks in 32 overs)	94
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-21, 3-70, 4-73, 5-79, 6-79	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Collins	7	3	12	1
Edwards	7	1	26	1
Lawson	4	0	19	0
Sarwan	8	2	22	3
Best	5	1	12	1
Gayle	1	0	1	0

Throw Zimbabwe

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involved in anything political but that's not saying we turned a blind eye."

Waugh, who retired in January as the second highest scorer in Test cricket behind compatriot Allan Border, also shot down Indian captain Sourav Ganguly's proposal to have a two-tier system for Test cricket to make it more competitive.

"It's a good idea for one-day cricket because there are more sides playing that, and they're looking to inject more sides all the time," Waugh said.

"For Test cricket though, I'm not so sure. There are only 10 sides, so if you split them up into two tiers the teams will get sick and tired of playing the same opposition year in and year out.

"I'm not sure how the teams in the lower tier will improve enough to move up.

"If you look at the history of Test cricket there have always been weak sides. Remember New Zealand took 26 years to win a Test match. I think we're getting a bit carried away because a couple of sides aren't doing too well."

The proposal to have a two-tiered system for Tests was mooted due to the lop-sided contests featuring the severely-depleted Zimbabwe and Bangladesh's inability to win a Test match since being admitted to the fold in 2000.

"I think Test cricket is in a pretty healthy state," said Waugh.

"The cricket that's being played at the moment is among the most aggressive that has been played in the history of Test cricket. There are results almost all the time and it's exciting."

Vaughan sleeps on No 4



REUTERS/AFP, London

England captain Michael Vaughan will bat in the middle-order permanently if he decides to move down to number four in the second Test against New Zealand starting on Thursday.

Vaughan missed the first Test victory at Lord's because of a knee injury, allowing Andrew Strauss to take his place opening the batting with Marcus Trescothick. The debutant scored a century in the first innings and 83 in the second.

The retirement of former captain Nasser Hussain last week has created a berth in the middle-order and Vaughan believes if he bats at number four the shift will be long-term.

"If I do it will be a career move," Vaughan told the England and Wales Cricket Board's website on Tuesday. "Unless injuries and other things prevail it should be a long-term move.

Andrew Strauss has come in and played so well opening the batting it seems the ideal chance."

A final decision on whether Vaughan moves down the order at Headingley will be taken later on Tuesday or on Wednesday after discussions with England coach Duncan Fletcher.

The England captain meanwhile passed himself fit for the second Test after his suspect knee came through unscathed in a county match on Monday.

The Yorkshireman injured his left knee in the nets before the first Test.

But on Monday he played for

his county in their one-day league match away to Scotland, scoring 32 off 62 balls before being run out.

Yorkshire won the match at the Grange by 59 runs and afterwards Vaughan said of his knee: "It's fine. I trained pretty hard last week and the rehab went pretty well. Plus I have come through a good game of cricket which was a good test.

"I never say there is no trouble with my knee because I have had dodgy knees for a few years now," added Vaughan ahead of the match at Headingley, his home ground.

"But what happened at Lord's was just bad luck and I'm hoping it never happens again.

"I'm going into the game on Thursday one hundred per cent fit."

Wind assists Greene mark

REUTERS, London

Olympic champion Maurice Greene clocked a wind-assisted 9.78 seconds for the 100 metres, equal to the world record, at a meeting in Stanford, California.

Greene, 29, who has been increasingly troubled by injuries since winning the 100 metres at the 2000 Sydney Games, led from the start with a following wind of 3.7 metres a second.

The time equals fellow-American Tim Montgomery's world mark set in Paris two years ago when the wind was right on the allowable limit of two metres a second.

Vettori shines as Kiwis win

REUTERS, London

Left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori took five for 92 to help New Zealand complete a 328-run victory over English county Leicestershire on the last day of a four-day tour match on Monday.

Set a target of 561, Leicestershire were bowled out for 232 in 73.3 overs, the only genuine resistance coming from former England Test batsman Darren Maddy with 87.

Vettori removed the last four batsmen as the tourists wrapped up the first victory of their England tour.

New Zealand lost to England by seven wickets in the first Test of three at Lord's a week ago.

Without Williams

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what we expect from ourselves," said Venus, who won the last of her four Grand Slam titles at the US Open in 2001.

Fourteenth seed Paola Suarez struck another blow for Argentine tennis when she swept aside the feeble challenge of Russian teenager Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-3 to reach the semis for the first time.

Cocktail

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"We'll see you in Jamaica Maan," they were saying all along, said Mohammad Ashrafui. Perhaps the quicker Sabina Park wicket was still a cause for inspiration for the battered four.

BFF planning

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Dhaka zone tournament and we are also looking forward to get sponsors for the divisions. If we fail to get sponsor, the BFF will bear the expenses," said Chunnun.

He said that they have dropped the plan to pick up fifty talented players from the tournament for long-term training.

"We tried it last year but unfortunately, respective schools were reluctant to leave their boys," he added.

Sher-e-Bangla Cup

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freekick unsettled the Army defence and Topu tapped home after goalkeeper Ranjan let the ball slip from his grip.

After a high-voltage first half, both sides looked tired and created very few chances in the second.

The match winner came in the 72nd minute when Army defender Masum Kamal handled the ball on the goalline after Topu fired a left-footer from a goalmouth melee.

Referee Mansoor Azad instantly pointed to the dreaded spot but amazingly cautioned Masum with a yellow when the offence demanded a red card being shown.

And Ritu sent Narayanangji into raptures by sending the Army keeper the wrong way to cap a fantastic return from injury.

Narayanangji's national defender Nazrul was adjudged man-of-the-final while hosts Natore got the Fair Play Trophy.

TEAMS

NARAYANGANJI: Mohammed Ali, Montu, Sujan, Nazrul, Dulal, Abul, Biddyut, Liton, Parvez (Rintu), Topu and Ritu.

ARMY: Ramjan (Monirul), Ashish, Masum, Nayeem, Kabirul, Didar, Shahidul, Razzak, Sonny, Tutul and Nasiruddin.

Benitez walks out on Valencia

REUTERS, Madrid

Coach Rafa Benitez has rescinded his contract with Valencia, the Primera Liga champions say.

"It's official. Rafa Benitez has rescinded his contract with Valencia," club spokesman Manuel Mas said on Tuesday.

Benitez's representative Manuel Garcia Quilon rejected Valencia's offer of a four-year contract extension and said the 44-year-old coach had also decided not to stay for the remaining season on his current deal.

Benitez, who was scheduled to give a news conference at 11:30 a.m. British time on Tuesday, led Valencia to a first-ever domestic and European double this season as they won the Primera Liga and the UEFA Cup.

Spanish media reported that Benitez had been offered a five-year deal by Premier League club Liverpool, who sacked French coach Gerard Houllier last month after six years at the helm.

Liverpool said they would not be making an announcement about the appointment of a new coach for another two weeks.

"There will be an announcement about our new manager in two weeks, further to which I do not wish to comment on speculation," Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry told the club's website.

Scolari lays down law

AFP, Lisbon

Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari warned there is no room in his Euro 2004 squad for 'crybabies' who refuse to play because they are injured.

"I don't want crybaby players on my team. Being on the national team means having the biggest pain in the world and still playing," he said in an interview with sports daily A Bola.

"It is like being called to go to war for your country," he added.

"No one goes to war thinking they have a little pain in their shoulder. I want warriors who grab their arms and put them on their shoulder without always complaining, saying it hurts a bit."

Kahn might quit Bayern

AFP, Munich

German international Oliver Kahn claims he would leave Bayern Munich at the end of the season if one of Europe's top clubs offered him the chance at Champions League glory.

Goalkeeper Kahn, 34, has been at Bayern since 1994 winning 15 titles in all but admits the time is ripe for a new challenge and he may use the 2004 European championships to put himself in the shop window.

"If I have the opportunity to move to a top club then it has to be in the summer," Kahn said in an interview with German sports agency SID.

"It is not about running away from my problems. It would be a new challenge for me."

Premiership champions Arsenal are reported to be interested in Kahn with compatriot Jens Lehmann proving inconsistent between the posts.

"I want to win the Champions League again and the domestic title so it would have to be a top club," added Kahn.

Real bullish about Carlos

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid president Florentino Perez is convinced that Roberto Carlos will extend his contract with the club despite the player's complaint that he is being treated more like a product than a footballer.

"I am hopeful that we can find a formula that will allow him to finish his career at Real Madrid," Perez told Spanish state television on Sunday night.

"He has got a year left on his contract with Real Madrid and he is going to fulfill it."

The Brazilian international, who is reported to have been targeted by Chelsea, was critical of the club's negotiating technique in an interview with Brazilian daily O Globo published at the weekend.

Carlos joined Real in 1996 from Inter Milan for approximately 7 million dollars. He has won three league titles and three European Cups with the club.

Spanish media have reported that the defender has been offered a four-year deal worth six million euros (7.36 million dollars) a season by Chelsea and the player himself confirmed that the Premier League club were interested in signing him.

"They (the Spanish media) are talking a lot about it (a Chelsea offer) and when news like this comes out into the open it is because there is something in it," he said.

Perez countered by saying that Real had not yet made the player an official offer and criticised the defender for trying to use the media to bargain with the club.

Ronaldinho ruled out

REUTERS, Teresopolis



Brazil striker Ronaldinho will miss Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Argentina because of a thigh strain and has been replaced by

Luis Fabiano, coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said on Monday.

"Ronaldinho has been in excellent form and will definitely be missed," Parreira told reporters after practice at the team's mountain retreat around 100 kilometres from Rio de Janeiro.

"But I have full confidence that Luis Fabiano, who has been confirmed in the team, will live up to our expectations."

Luis Fabiano, who scored twice in the 4-1 friendly win over Hungary in April, is famed for his clinical finishing and an explosive temper that earned him four red cards for his club last year.

"I'm happy because I've been waiting for this chance and it's appeared," Luis Fabiano said.

Brazil doctor Jose Luis Runco said central defender Luisao would also miss the match with a similar injury.

"Both Luisao and Ronaldinho are in a complicated situation," he said.

"The pain is strong and there's not enough time for them to recover by Wednesday."

Runco said both players appeared to have suffered typical end-of-season injuries and would have X-rays to decide whether they would be fit for Sunday's game away to Chile.

Ronaldinho, who left Sunday afternoon's practice match early, has had a brilliant season for Barcelona in Spain.

His absence again deprives Parreira the chance to field the so-called dream trio of Ronaldo-Ronaldinho-Kaka.

Ranieri exits Chelsea



AFP, London

The axe has finally fallen on Chelsea manager Claudio Ranieri, ending months of speculation over whether the Italian would be dismissed.

Claudio Ranieri is to leave Chelsea, the English Premiership side announced on Monday.

The worst kept secret in English football was finally confirmed despite the Italian steering Chelsea to second place in the English Premiership and the semifinals of the Champions League last season.

Ranieri, 51, who eventually endeared himself to the Chelsea fans, not least for the dignified way he dealt with all the talk over his future, was brought in by former owner Ken Bates.

His position had been the subject of intense speculation in the British press ever since Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich took control of the London club before the start of last season.

Chelsea chief executive Peter Kenyon, brought in from Manchester United, added to the pressure created by multi-million pound spending on a host of new players by saying the season would be a "failure" if the team failed to win a trophy.

A club spokesman said: "Claudio has done a first-class job



RONALDINHO

The three have started only two matches together - although Brazil have failed to score on each occasion.

Benfica's Luisao, who has a problem in his right thigh, had been one of three candidates to replace injured Lucio at the centre of the defence.

His absence means either Juan

or Cris will partner Roque Junior.

Argentina lead the South American World Cup qualifying group with 11 points from five games. Brazil are third with nine points. Both teams are unbeaten.

The top four teams qualify directly for Germany in 2006 while the fifth plays off against the winners of the Oceania region.

for the club and paved the way for future success.

"We would like to wish Claudio all the best for the future. We are discussing the exact terms of his departure with him and his representatives."

Jose Mourinho, who guided FC Porto to Champions League glory last week, is expected in London this week to sign a deal to take over from Ranieri as coach at Stamford Bridge.

Mourinho is reported to have



CLAUDIO RANIERI

been offered a 16-million-pound, four-year deal.

Ranieri's departure was signposted by Kenyon last week when, during the Champions League final, he said: "The situation will be resolved next week as this is not a

holiday period for us and we need to start planning for next season."

Nicknamed 'the Tinkerman', for his habit of frequently changing the starting line-up, Ranieri guided Chelsea to their best league finish since they won the old First Division title for the only time in their history way back in 1954-55.

But with London rivals Arsenal running away with the Premiership title during an unbeaten league campaign, Ranieri's fate was sealed when Chelsea lost their Champions League semi-final against Monaco.

Ranieri had helped steer Chelsea to a last eight win over Arsenal but was widely criticised for his tactical blunder in the first leg of the semifinal.

Chelsea were all square at 1-1 against 10-man Monaco late in the second half when Ranieri responded to Andreas Zikos's sending off by bringing on striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink in place of defender Mario Melchiot.

His bold gamble to win the game backfired spectacularly, Monaco scoring two more goals.

Instead of going into the second leg all square at 1-1, with the advantage of an away goal, Chelsea found themselves 3-1 behind and there was no way back.

Ranieri though took full responsibility for his error, saying: "It's my fault. We completely lost the plot but I was sure it was the best thing for the team."

Argentina's 'four' force



AFP, Paris

David Nalbandian and Gaston Gaudio made sure of four Argentines in the last eight at this year's Roland Garros on Monday.

Eighth-seeded Nalbandian put an end to Russian Marat Safin's colourful and controversial Paris adventure with a 7-5, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 win to set up an intriguing clash with three-time champion Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil.

Kuerten, the champion in 1997, 2000 and 2001, enjoyed a 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Spaniard Feliciano Lopez.

Unseeded Gaudio saw off Russia's Igor Andrejev, the conqueror of defending champion Juan Carlos Ferrero, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 to set up a quarterfinal clash against Australian 12th seed Lleyton Hewitt who beat Belgium's Xavier Malisse 7-5, 6-2, 7-6.

Argentina's awesome four-some is completed by third seed Guillermo Coria, who faces Spain's former champion Carlos Moya in the last eight, and Juan Ignacio Chela, the 22nd seed, who meets British ninth seed Tim Henman.

Before this year, the most Argentines at a Grand Slam quarterfinal stage had been two when Jose Luis Clerc and Guillermo Vilas reached the last eight here in 1982.

That mark was equalled by Nalbandian and Coria at the US

Open in 2003.

Safin's attempts to add the French Open title to his 2000 US Open victory were shattered by more problems with the hand blisters he picked up in his five-set, third round win against Potito Starace.

He had most of his fingers taped and required nine visits from the trainer to keep him in the match but Nalbandian, showing a sure touch on all parts of the court, was simply too good for the ailing Russian.

"I tried to take care of the blisters, but by the end of the match I couldn't hit forehands," said the popular Russian who counted 11 blisters on his hands by the end of the match.

"Sadly, there were just too many rivals today."

Nalbandian, the 2002 Wimbledon runner-up, said he tried to shut out the delays caused by Safin's problems.

"The interruptions were annoying but I just had to keep my focus. It wasn't easy for him. I think he was also very tired so I tried to keep him moving around the court."

Hewitt, a former US Open and Wimbledon winner, brushed past Malisse in 2hr 45min to equal his best performance here while the 25-year-old Gaudio has now achieved his best ever Grand Slam performance.

The firebrand Australian said that weeks of playing on clay in Europe, prior to the second Grand Slam of the season, were beginning to pay off.

"I felt confident out there,"

said Hewitt.

"I tried to hang in there more than anything and was happy to get out of that third set and get a straight set win."

No doubles joy for Martina, Leander

AFP, Paris

US tennis legend Martina Navratilova and mixed doubles partner Leander Paes of India crashed out of the French Open in the second round.

The sixth-seeded pair, the 2003 Australian Open and Wimbledon champions, fell 7-5, 7-5 on Court One to 19-year-old Indonesian Angelique Widjaja and her 29-year-old Argentine partner Lucas Arnold.

Navratilova, 47, whose dream of a winning return to the singles event crumbled in the first round, is still however in the running for the women's doubles where she has reached the quarter-finals with Lisa Raymond.

"There were just one or two shots in the difference in the match. Martina and I did everything we could," said Paes.

Paes' former men's doubles partner Mahesh Bhupathi, meanwhile, advanced to the semifinals along with Belarus partner Max Mirnyi by beating Germano-Armenian pairing Karsten Braasch and Sargis Sargsian 6-3, 6-4.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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