



Did U Know?

Because of World War I and World War II, there were no Olympic Games in 1916, 1940, or 1944.



Chris Cairns

(Star New Zealand cricketer) "Sir Richard Hadlee was the superstar and my dad was the folk hero, the sort of guy who gave everyone the idea they could make it because he did everything completely the opposite to what Sir Richard did and with a smile on his face."



- ### TEN Sports
- French Open Men's Final Live at 7:00 pm
 - Bangladesh v West Indies Second Test, Day Three Live at 11:00 pm
 - Argentina vs Paraguay WC Football Qualifier Live at 4:00 am (Monday)
 - Brazil vs Chile WC Football Qualifier Live at 7:15 am (Monday)
 - STAR Sports England v New Zealand Second Test, Day Four Live at 4:00 pm
 - ESPN Goals Celebration Repeat at 9:00 am

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1. Who won the GP Corporate Cricket League Plate title?	Acme	Isphani	Gazi
2. Who lifted the United Insurance IM chess crown?	Refaat	Niaz	Zia
3. What was result of the Bangladesh-West Indies ODI series?	2-1	2-0	3-0
4. Who will host the 2010 FIFA	Name		
	Class		
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A tale of tails

Cricket

RABEED IMAM from Kingston

It was a clear case of giving away the impetus to the opponents as far as the Bangladesh team was concerned at the end of the first day's play of the second and final Test.

While there was a hint of satisfaction at another outstanding fightback by the tail which enabled the Tigers to close on 264 for nine from the desperate 97 for five, the general feeling was that it was an opportunity lost on a fairly placid pitch without pace.

"I'm very happy with the way the late-order had done its job. You don't expect that to happen every time but that is exactly what they have been doing on this tour and I'm proud of them. However I am particularly disappointed as most of us got starts but could not carry on," said Bangladesh captain Habibur Rashid.

"I must also shoulder some of the blame. I played a foolish shot which I shouldn't have at that stage. But it's a stroke that brings me runs so I guess I'll continue to be me but be a bit more cautious," added Bashir reflecting on his attempted pull shot off Pedro Collins that brought about his downfall immediately after becoming the first Bangladesh to reach 2000 runs in Test cricket.

Stand-in coach Faruque Ahmed was delighted with number ten Tapash Baisya's batting as well as the attitude shown by Mohammad Rafique and last man Tareq Aziz.

"I heard that Rafique was disappointed at missing what he thought was a half-century for the taking. That shows how serious he is about his batting. I've told Tapash and Tareq to think like batsmen when they are at the crease and forget about bowling. You can see they are listening which is very heartening," said Faruque.

Baisya was not out on 36 off 50

balls and hit some delightful cover driven boundaries. He was roughed up by a fiery Tino Best but kept his composure in putting on 46 with Khaled Mashud whose trademark innings of defiance ended on 39 (111) balls when he pushed uppishly straight to Omari Banks off Fidel Edwards with Bangladesh on 238 for nine.

Rafique and Mashud had earlier shared exactly 40 before Rafique (39) tried to go over mid-off but couldn't clear Collins. It was Banks' fourth wicket of the innings justifying his selection and the surprise turn he received on Day One also gave encouragement to the opposition.

"We have two specialist spinners and a couple of others who can turn the ball. So I believe they could make an impact. Batting last on this wicket is not going to be easy if we can restrict the West Indies. Our pacers are also very disciplined," said Bashir.

His opposite number Brian Lara did not turn up for the scheduled press conference after the day's play.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the first day of the second Test between Bangladesh and the West Indies at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica on Friday:

BANGLADESH: First innings

Hannan lbw b Collins	0
Omar c Jacobs b Edwards	20
Bashir c Banks b Collins	20
Saleh c and b Banks	47
Ashraf ul c Sarwan b Banks	16
Manjarul c Jacobs b Best	7
Mushfiq st Jacobs b Banks	22
Mashud c Banks b Edwards	39
Rafique c Collins b Banks	30
Baisya not out	34
Tareq not out	4
Extras: (lb-7, w-2, nb-12, b-4)	25

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REARGUARD ACTION: Bangladesh's Tapash Baisya bats during his 36 not out against the West Indies on the first day of the second Test at Sabina Park in Jamaica on June 4.

CCDM chairman steps down

SPORTS REPORTER

Khondokar Jamil Uddin tendered his resignation yesterday as chairman of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) following media speculation over the Board's standing committee.

"I offered to step down as I took responsibility for failing to convince the Dhaka clubs to take part in this year's Premier League," said Jamil while explaining his decision.

He said that he learnt from different dailies that the Board was planning to reorganise the CCDM, which runs the colourful Dhaka club competitions.

"I still believe that Dhaka League is our main domestic competition. But it was my fault that the clubs stayed away from the league which left countless cricketers in financial hardship this season," said Jamil, who was made chairman of the newly introduced Corporate Cricket League.

Vaughan blessed with a daughter

AFP, Leeds

England captain Michael Vaughan left the second Test match against New Zealand here at Headingley on Friday just in time to be with his wife as she gave birth to the couple's first child.

New Zealand were 291 for five when Vaughan, 29, raced off the field at 6:20 pm (17:20 GMT) on the second day, getting a pat on the back from teammate Andrew Flintoff on the way.

Just three hours later, daughter Tallulah was born at a hospital in the nearby city of Sheffield, northern England, according to a statement released on behalf of Vaughan, adding: "Mother, baby and dad are doing well."

The birth was early, having not SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

Calypso Cocktail

Cricket

RABEED IMAM from Kingston

For all its tradition, Sabina Park has a humble way about it that makes you feel comfortable when you enter the ground but never lets you forget the legend that surrounds it.

Near the outside corner of the stand named after him, there is Jamaica's famous son George Headley in his follow through after pulling a sure boundary, greeting every newcomer. The man named 'Black Bradman' for his sensational run aggregate, was West Indies cricket's superstar during its early days and how fitting it is to see his figure playing a truly West Indian shot with all the Calypso glory.

Opposite the George Headley stand, which is a grey multi-storied complex housing the players' enclosure and offices of the local

cricket authority, is the media centre and VIP boxes and the view from up there is as good as it can get.

The ground is partly oval, partly square with a fast outfield although the pitch at present is a total contradiction of its historic reputation of being a pace paradise. Square of the wicket on the right, if you are looking from the press box, is the Kingston Cricket Club and consider it a crime not to go there for a drink after an absorbing day's cricket. And the food available at the club is also a big attraction. On match days, a person from the club would come up to the press box and take lunch orders from the working journalists. A major draw is Jamaica's own curry goat (you'll have a better idea of what it is if you shuffle the last two words).

The Kingston Club owns the Sabina Park and every time you go there, you'll find members and SEE PAGE 14 COL 6

Premier League faces demotion

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The coveted Premier Division Football League is destined to lose much of its gloss following an ambitious plan of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

The game's governing body of the country has recently decided to make the National League as a major event in the domestic calendar involving the top ten Premier clubs including giants Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra, Muktijoddha Sangsad and

Brothers Union.

If the top guns in Dhaka football feature in the marathon National League then there is no chance for them to play in the traditional Premier League.

According to the planned new format 20 teams will compete in the home and away National League across the country and it will run for nearly seven months.

"We have already decided to change the whole domestic format in an effort to bring professionalism into the game. The present format is an outdated concept and we are trying to style our football like what

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A fist full of Argentines

French Open

AFP, Paris

A French Open final between two Argentine clay-courters would normally stir up little emotion outside of Buenos Aires and Cordoba, but there is an edge to Sunday's final between Guillermo Coria and Gaston Gaudio.

The two had a bitter clash last year at the Hamburg Masters which ended in fisticuffs in the locker-room after their semifinal match.

At one-set all and up a break in the decider, Coria pointedly thumped his chest and glared at Coria at a change-over with the message being -- "You have no heart."

Coria went on to win that set 6-0 but an incensed Gaudio and one of his coaches after the game pinned Coria against a wall in the locker-rooms and they had to be separated.

According to Gaudio, it's all in the past.

"We talked about it and that's it," he said after his straight sets demolition of the third of the Argentine semifinalists, David Nalbandian, on Friday.

"It's over. Everything is clear now."

Be that as it may, Gaudio and Coria have followed different paths to their showdown at Roland Garros. Coria, at 22, three years younger than his compatriot, comes from the small provincial town of Venado Tuerto three hours from Buenos Aires and is a pure product of the official Argentine Tennis Federation coaching system.

Gaudio is a city boy from Buenos Aires who dabbled in football and rugby before ploughing his own furrow through the junior tennis ranks in Argentina.

He is on record as saying that Coria at times does not appreciate how hard it was for him to break into the top echelons of tennis

having been financed and trained through the official channels.

Coming into Paris, Coria was the player that many tipped to be the first Argentine winner of the French Open since the man he was named after, Guillermo Vilas, in 1977.

After surprisingly losing in the semifinal here last year to Dutchman Martin Verkerk, Coria went on to a 31-match winning streak on clay until he lost to Roger Federer in the final of the Hamburg Masters on May 16.

Gaudio, in contrast, had seen his career stagnate over the last 12 months although he did reach the final in Barcelona at the start of May before losing in five sets to Spain's Tommy Robredo.

Given over to bouts of melancholy, he even employed the service of a sports psychologist to teach him how to relax and take enjoyment from the matches he played.

Coria stormed through to the semifinals without the loss of a set SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

Olympics preps Four fly to Bangkok today

UNB, Dhaka

Four sports persons leave here for Bangkok today to attend an intensive training programme in their preparation for the upcoming 28th Olympic Games.

The Games will be held over August 13-29 in Athens.

They are swimmers Jewel Ahmed and Dolly Akhter and athletes Shamsuddin Ahmed and Shamsunnahar Chumki.

They will attend a two-month training programme at the High Performance Training Center in the Thai capital.

Besides, two shooters -- Asif Hossain Khan and Suriya Akhter -- will leave here for Germany on Tuesday to receive advanced training at the German Shooting Complex.



PLASTIC MAN! Bangladesh batsman Rajin Saleh ducks a bouncer from West Indies fast bowler Tino Best on the first day of the Jamaica Test on Friday.

Murali to go down under

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan has decided he will tour Australia despite a furore over his bowling.

He had threatened to boycott next month's two-Test tour when Australian Prime Minister John Howard joined the debate.

"I have been defamed, pilloried and severely criticized by the world's cricket media," said Muralitharan.

"Even the Prime Minister of Australia, has called me a chucker and then in the next sentence says I will be welcome to tour his country!"

In a statement released by Sri Lanka Cricket on Friday he added: "My action is unorthodox. It is

however, wrong for people to label me as a 'chucker' based solely on what they see with the naked eye.

"What such people perceive as a 'throw' is an 'optical illusion', a fact proven by the tests carried out on my bowling action over the years."

Muralitharan has been named in a 16-man squad which includes a new face in 20-year-old right-arm seamer Lasith Malinga.

Saman Jayantha and Nuwan Kulasekara are among those to miss out.

Muralitharan holds the world record for Test wickets with 527 in 90 matches.

But his 'doosra' delivery has been banned by the International Cricket Council after he was reported by match referee Chris Broad following a home series against Australia in March.

Muralitharan's teammates had

said they would support him no matter what decision he took over the tour.

The brilliant off-spinner has few happy memories of Australia, having twice previously been embroiled on previous tours.

He was called for throwing during a Test match in 1995 by umpire Darrell Hair.

And when Ross Emerson made the same call during a one-day game on Sri Lanka's 1998-99 tour, it prompted then captain Arjuna Ranatunga to lead his players off the field in protest.

Sri Lanka will play a warm-up game at Northern Territory Chief Minister's Eleven on 24 June, prior to Test matches in Darwin and Cairns.

They are Australia's newest Test venues, having staged their inaugural international fixtures last year against Bangladesh.

PCB to revamp players' pay

CRICINFO, undated

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is planning to revamp first-class cricket in Pakistan, and to generate more funds for their players.

According to the News, Shaharyar Khan and Rameez Raja, the men in charge of the PCB, made a presentation before their advisers

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DAY'S EVENT

BANGLADESH vs WEST INDIES
Second Test, Day Three
Venue: Sabina Park, Jamaica
LIVE ON TEN SPORTS AT 11:00 PM