



Did U Know?

Beach volleyball, a new addition to the Olympic Games in 1996, began as a fun activity at Santa Monica, California, in the 1920s. It developed into a competitive sport in the 1950s and 60s and really took off in the late 1970s after becoming professional.



Goran Ivanisevic

(Croatian tennis star)
"Wimbledon is everything to me. My shoulder is fine and my goal is to pass the first week and after that, who cares?"



What to WATCH

Euro 2004
Euro 2004
France vs Switzerland
Repeat at 9:00 am
England vs Croatia
Repeat at 12:30 pm
Euro 2004
Preview Show
Live at 12:00 am (Wednesday)
Italy vs Bulgaria
First Round
Live at 12:40 am (Wednesday)
STAR Sports
Wimbledon Championships
First Round
Live at 5:00 pm
Euro 2004
Preview Show
Live at 12:30 am (Wednesday)
Denmark vs Sweden
First Round
Live at 12:40 am (Wednesday)



1. Who became man-of-the match in the second and final Test between Bangladesh and West Indies?		
Sarwan	Bashar	Lara
2. How many Test matches has Michael Slater played?		
74	82	75
3. What was the result of the WC qualifier between Japan and India?		
7-0	5-2	4-3
4. What is the name of the Euro 2004 ball?		
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Rajshahi in semis

SPORTS REPORTER

Rajshahi edged past Dinajpur 3-2 yesterday to book a semifinal berth in the 21st National Youth Hockey Championship.

The winners led the first half 2-0 at the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium with Sabuj and Saqlain hitting the board.

Krishna made it 3-0 just after

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WIMBLEDON

REUTERS, London

Roger Federer opened the defence of his Wimbledon crown in imperious style on Monday, sweeping aside Britain's Alex Bogdanovic 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in the first round.

The Swiss top seed drew the sting out of all Bogdanovic's shots on an overcast Centre Court, hammering out his intentions in emphatic style.

"It was important to get off to a good start, and I did that," Federer said.

"I soon saw there was not much he could do on my serve."

"I relaxed, played well and am really looking forward to the next one."

Another former champion to advance was nine-time women's

winner Martina Navratilova.

The 47-year-old naturalised American, making her first appearance in the women's singles at the All England Club for a decade, thrashed Colombia's Catalina Castano 6-0, 6-1.

Thirty-one years after her Wimbledon debut, Navratilova -- whose name loosely translates as "comeback" in her native Czech -- produced some vintage serve-volleying to bamboozle an opponent who, at 24, is almost half her age.

Navratilova, who lost in the first round of the French Open on her return to grand slam singles action last month, will play either Australian Jelena Dokic or Argentine Gisela Dulko -- her conqueror in Paris -- in the second round.

Goran Ivanisevic is due to make his first appearance at Wimbledon since winning the title in 2001 later on Monday.

The Croatian, who is to retire

from the sport after this tournament, had been prevented from defending that title by injury and missed last year for the same reason.

He faces dangerous Russian Mikhail Youzhny on Centre Court.

Australia's Lleyton Hewitt also advanced. The 2002 champion suffered a first round loss last year -- the first men's champion to lose so early since tennis turned professional in 1968.

He avoided a similar fate on court one with an assured 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 win over Austria's Juergen Meltzer.

Women's second seed Anastasia Myskina of Russia is due on court later on Monday.

The newly crowned French Open champion takes on Lubomira Kurhajcova of Slovakia while third seed Venus Williams tackles Marie-Gayanay Mikaelian of Switzerland.

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BCB clarifies today

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will make an official statement today on the tragic death of young cricketer Tamim Bashir.

Macky Duddia, the Zimbabwean CEO of the BCB, told reporters yesterday that the Board spent much of Monday morning to "find the facts" after Bashir's family alleged negligence by the coaching staff of the high performance unit at the BKSP in Savar.

"Everyone was quite candid and open during discussions and we went through the whole matter. We will clarify our position with a statement," Duddia said.

BCB president Ali Asghar also spoke for the first time since Bashir, a trainee of the Board's high performance unit, died of cerebral malaria on Friday.

"I've not heard about the findings yet. But if there is anything to investigate, we will do that. We will also make it public. Macky has been given responsibility to handle

it," he said at the Hotel Sheraton.

The BCB boss informed that Duddia had a detail discussion with Australian coach Richard McInnes, his compatriot trainer Justin Cordy, local coach Shahidul

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