

BKSP keep losing

SPORTS REPORTER

BKSP hockey team, now touring in India on invitation of Air India Academy, have lost first two exhibition matches in Delhi.

The boys of the country's lone training institute suffered 3-0 defeat to Punjab Sindh Bank in their first encounter and went down 3-1 in their second match against hosts Air India Academy.

The 20-member team is expected to return home on July 17.

Hoggard fit for Windies Tests

AFP, Leeds

England fast bowler Matthew Hoggard was given the green light Tuesday to take part in the Test series against the West Indies.

The bustling 27-year-old limped off after bowling just three balls before injuring his problem right knee in Yorkshire's match against Middlesex on Sunday.

Hoggard will continue with treatment at Yorkshire's Headingley base in a bid to return to fitness as soon as possible ahead of the first Test at Lord's on July 22.

"This is the same knee Matthew injured last year and we decided to scan him as a precautionary measure," said England and Wales Cricket Board chief medical officer Dr Peter Gregory.

"The scan revealed no damage to Matthew's cartilage and he will continue to undergo treatment over the next few days."

With all-rounder Andrew Flintoff currently restricted to a role as a specialist batsman due to a sore heel, Hoggard's positive news is a major fillip in a bid for a third successive Test series victory.

Hodge named Leics captain

AFP, Leicester

Leicestershire have appointed Brad Hodge as club captain in the wake of Philip DeFreitas' resignation, the club announced Tuesday.

The 29-year-old Australian, who has been in good form over the last year, takes over as skipper half-way through his second season in the post.

Leicester-born Darren Maddy, who made his debut for the county 10 years ago, was named as vice-captain.

James Whitaker, Leicestershire's director of cricket said: "We are delighted that Brad has agreed to take on the captaincy."

"As vice captain he is the natural successor to Daffy, and I am confident his knowledge, experience and enthusiasm will help us in our quest to get to where we want to be. I am excited about working with Brad."

"I am also pleased that Darren, who has excelled as captain of the side on a number of occasions already, will now become official vice captain. He has been at the club for a long time and been a dedicated professional."

Hodges first match in charge will be the Twenty20 Cup clash with visitors Durham at Grace Road on Wednesday night.

Dhaka giants

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selves as a force to be reckoned with following their runners-up finish in their first appearance in the big time.

"We take it as a challenge because we want to prove that we are no flukes," said club president Noor Alam Chowdhury.

Sheikh Russel have already started their training camp in Chittagong under the supervision of seasoned coach Wajed Gazi. Moroccan recruits Youness and Burdeep Mohammed joined the camp last Saturday.

Lara can't for Eng Tests

Cricket

AFP, London

West Indies captain Brian Lara said he hoped his side's NatWest Series wins over England would inspire them for their forthcoming Test campaign.

West Indies' seven-wicket win against England at Lord's on Tuesday saw them secure a return to the world famous ground for Saturday's final of the triangular one-day series against New Zealand, who had already qualified.

Lara's men will start a four Test series against England at Lord's on July 22.

It is a chance for revenge after England won the recent Test series in the Caribbean 3-0 - their first series win in the West Indies since 1968.

But the subsequent one-day contest between the teams finished level at 2-2.

And after seeing his side knock England out of their own one-day tournament, thanks mainly to opener Chris Gayle's 132 not out, Lara said: "The one-day series in the Caribbean was a 2-2 draw and we beat England here in two games out of three."

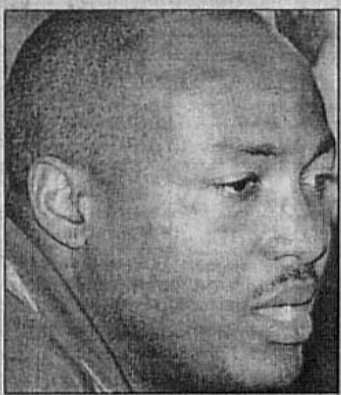
"That's a little psychological advantage but of course England playing at home, after coming out to the Caribbean and beating us 3-0, will definitely hold that high."

"It's just an opportunity for us to regroup. We've got a very important two months coming up."

"We've got a couple of guys coming over in the next couple of

days for the Test series and they are going to be coming in a great mood knowing that we have done well against England and are in a final for the first time for a long time.

"But after Saturday we start afresh," added 35-year-old master batsman Lara, whose one-day team face New Zealand at Hampshire's Rose Bowl ground on Thursday in a



BRIAN LARA

dress rehearsal for the final.

"It's a new series, a Test series. We have faltered in the past in the five-day game and we are going to try to correct that."

Lara said what pleased him most about his team's recent form was the way they had not depended on a major innings from him but had seen other members of the side take a leading role.

"I think it's important that one person alone doesn't have to do it," added Lara who regained the world record for the highest individual Test score with 400 not out in April's

drawn fourth Test against England in Antigua.

"It's great to see. The guys are coming together. They are getting better with more experience."

Chris (Gayle) is 24. Ramnaresh Sarwan is closing in on 24. It's taken them some time but they got into international cricket very early, at 19 and 20, and we expected them to take time. But now it's coming to fruition."

Tuesday's defeat for England was the 11th successive one-day international they had lost batting first, a run stretching back to last year's World Cup in South Africa.

The match also saw captain Michael Vaughan's poor run of form continue with the 29-year-old opener out for eight. That meant the Yorkshire batsman's tally from his five series innings was a meagre 47 runs.

"I just haven't played well enough," Vaughan admitted. But he added England were close to becoming a one-day force to be reckoned with.

He pointed out how Andrew Strauss, who made his maiden one-day international hundred on Tuesday, all-rounder Andrew Flintoff (who scored 123) and fast bowler Stephen Harmison had all become established in the limited overs side.

"A few months ago we didn't have Andrew Strauss, we didn't have Stephen Harmison, with the white ball, and we didn't have a world-class all-rounder in Andrew Flintoff."

"If we can sort out the batting at the top we'll have a real good team."

Bob gets a taste of Pak tempers

AFP, Lahore

New Pakistan cricket coach Bob Woolmer got his first taste of tempers in the mercurial Pakistan team before he was due to fly to South Africa Wednesday to complete a coaching assignment.

Witnesses said captain Inzamam-ul-Haq and pacer Shoaib Akhtar exchanged hot words in the tune up camp late Tuesday but Woolmer intervened before it could go out of hand.

"It was some misunderstanding but Woolmer and I got the matter settled," Pakistan manager Haroon Rasheed told AFP.

Rasheed and Woolmer then had a session with both players and advised them to refrain from such incidents in the interests of the team.

Akhtar had developed differences with Inzamam after Pakistan's home series defeat against India in April this year.

Akhtar, who fell injured in Rawalpindi's decisive Test of the series which Pakistan lost 2-1, was accused of underperforming and his injury was assessed by a medical commission.

According to reports, Akhtar had alleged that Inzamam maligned him through statements in the media, to which Inzamam reacted sharply.

Rasheed said now no player is allowed to give statements to the media without his and Woolmer's permission.

"Pakistan team is united and there are no differences with Akhtar and Inzamam," Woolmer told reporters.

Inzamam scuffled with Younis Khan during Pakistan's failed campaign in the World Cup last year.

Flower quits SA

AFP, Adelaide

Former Zimbabwe cricket captain Andy Flower said he had been released from his playing contract with South Australia, citing family reasons.

Flower, 36, was in the final year of his two-year contract with the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA), but said his young family needed a more stable living environment.

"The past few years have been extremely turbulent for my family and playing 12 months of the year has taken its toll on me physically," Flower said in a statement.

"I do not believe that I would be giving the Redbacks (South Australia) the 100 per cent they deserve from me if I continued, and I also need to give my family a stable environment in which to live."

Flower said he would continue playing for Essex in the English County Championship.

The Zimbabwean is exiled from his home country following his public protest during the 2002 World Cup, when he wore a black armband to signify what he described as the death of democracy in the African nation.

Miandad lends

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tune up camp last week, was prompt to acknowledge Miandad's contribution.

"I would like Miandad to be on the board because he has a lot to do with this team, he has respect and his advice would be helpful," Woolmer said.

The 47-year-old Miandad, who played county cricket in England with Woolmer, wished him success.

"I hope the players listen to him and (Woolmer) succeeds in coaching because there are no secrets involved," said Miandad, who holds Pakistan's record for Test appearances with 124 and remains his country's record run-scorer in Tests with 8,832.

Pakistan's first round exit from the World Cup last year forced the PCB to dump eight senior players and appointed Miandad the coach and Rashid Latif captain.

Pakistan won the quadrangular tournament in Sharjah in April followed by a runner-up spot in the tri-series in Sri Lanka.

Gayle ousts

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Total: (For 3 wks in 49.1 overs) 286

Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-202, 3-218

Did not bat: Chandepaul, Bravo, Jacobs, Dwayne, Bradshaw, Best

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gough	10	2	48	1
Harmison	10	0	51	0
Anderson	9.1	0	69	2
Giles	10	1	43	0
Vaughan	1	0	10	0
C'wood	9	0	58	0

Result: West Indies won by seven wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Chris Gayle.

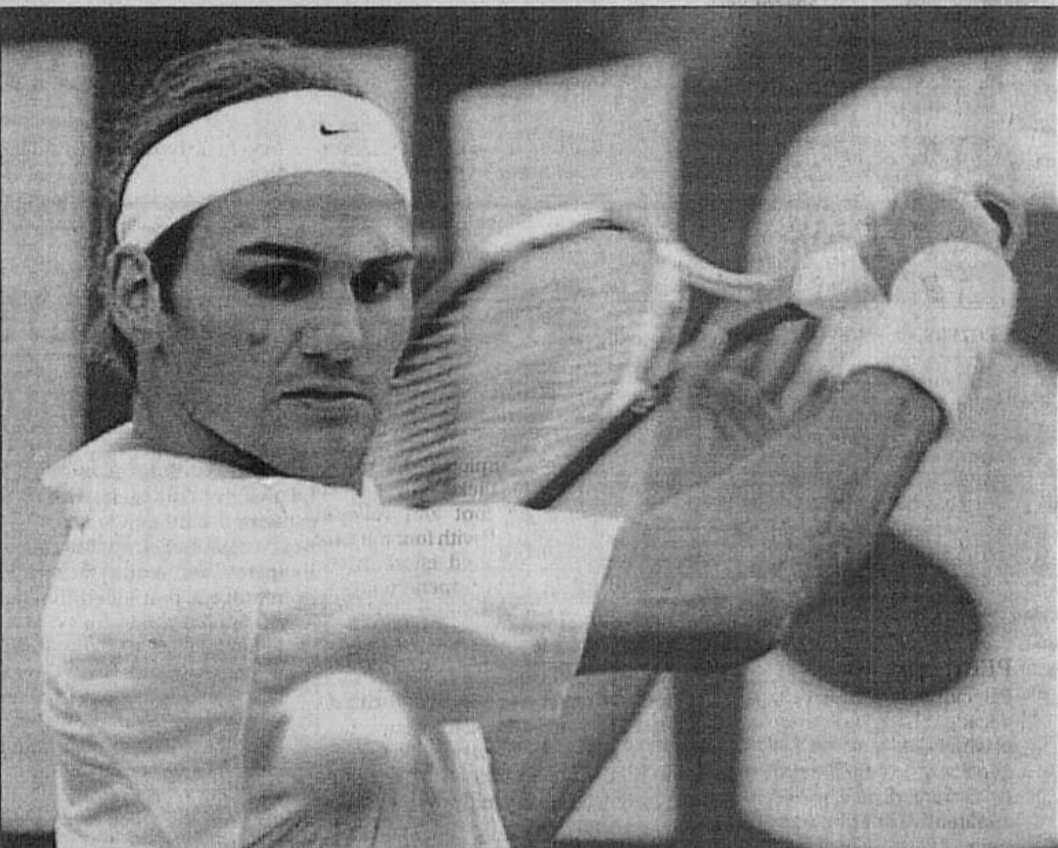
TRIANGULAR TABLE

REUTERS, London

Standings in the one-day triangular series after Tuesday's match between England and West Indies at Lord's (tabulate under played, won, lost, no result, bonus points, total points):

NZ	W	5	3	0	2	1	22
WI	5	2	2	2	1	1	15
Eng	6	1	4	1	2	1	11

(Points system: win with bonus point 6, win without bonus point 5, tie or no result 3, loss, but not conceding bonus point 1 and loss, conceding bonus point 0)



Swiss Roger Federer plays backhand against Tomas Behrend of Germany at the Gstaad Open on Tuesday.

Federer moves up

Tennis

AFP, Gstaad

Double Wimbledon winner Roger Federer hammered his way into the second round of the 544,750-euro (669,000-dollar) Swiss Open Tuesday, fulfilling his role as home hero with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over German Tomas Behrend.

Only hours after being honoured by a standing-ovation crowd on Centre Court as he returned to Switzerland with a second trophy replica from the All England Club, the world number 1 flexed his muscles in formidable style.

Federer, holder of a runaway total of six titles this season on the ATP, stormed to his 21st victory in 22 matches, a span which has taken him to titles in Hamburg, Halle and Wimbledon. He stands 47-4 since January with two Grand Slams in his pocket.

But the top seed didn't go into his first-round match evenly-handed.

A year after receiving an 800-kilogram milking cow in honour of a first Wimbledon title, Federer was presented with a traditional three-metre-long alphon with which to "serenade" his bovine friend.

The national sporting idol, clad in t-shirt and jeans, walked out on court to a standing ovation from proud fans and - putting on a dark, short-sleeved Swiss herder's gilet - took a trial run on a huge wooden alphon.

The musical effect was more than decent, according to the two professional artists who performed a song for the winner before he had a go himself.

Officials had promised that there would not be another cow on offer, especially since last year's gift Juliette, has since given birth. That much livestock provides Federer with as much Emmenthal cheese as he and most of his immediately family could ever need.

"I knew before that I wouldn't be getting a cow," he said. "I've got two already. I don't need a third - they knew that and I was relieved."

The favourite never felt pressed by Brazil-born Behrend, ranked a distant 130, during the 47-minute match in which Federer sharpened up on the fast clay at 900 metres with nine aces and four breaks of the challenger's serve.

There was an upset on a day which threatened rain for former French Open winner Juan Carlos Ferrero, who crumpled 7-6, 6-4 to Australian Stefan Koubek.

The world number seven admits he's in crisis - and he's hurting enough to try and snap out of it on the North American hardcourts this summer instead of continuing on clay.

"I'm not playing my best tennis," said the 2003 winner at Roland Garros who holds a poor 6-4 record on his favourite surface this year. "I cannot find my game, I'm sadly lacking confidence."

On a grey, cloudy day with the threat of more rain after morning drizzle, the Spaniard was only a shadow of the champion who stormed to Monte Carlo and Paris titles a year ago.

German third seed Rainer Schuettler advanced as he defeated Swiss Michel Kratochvil 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. The loss leaves veteran Davis Cup captain Marc Rosset, the 1992 Olympic champion on the verge of retirement at age 33, as the only other Swiss besides Federer in the field.

Rosset handled Romanian Andrei Pavel with surprising ease 7-6 (7/5), 6-4, but admitted the effort took a toll. "I played a two-set match like it was a 400-metre race. I can't keep going like this."

Blake, Rusedski advance

Tennis

AFP, Newport

James Blake posted a 7-6, 6-3 victory over Belgian Dick Norman on Tuesday at the Hall of Fame Championships, his first match in more than two months due to a neck injury.

"I felt pretty good out there," Blake said. "I think there was a little bit of rustiness out there in the beginning, but I'm just happy to be back on the courts."

A 24-year-old American, Blake hurt his neck when he slipped into the net during practice at the Italia Masters in Rome. He had lost four straight matches before Tuesday.

"No problems with the neck or back," he said. "I didn't feel tired. My legs felt all right. I'm happy I was doing plenty of biking while I was off and keeping my legs as strong as I could. I felt great."

Blake is making his sixth straight appearance in Newport, having lost the 2002 final to Taylor Dent.

Top seed Vincent Spadea opened the grasscourt event with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win over fellow American Jeff Salzenstein.

Spadea is seeking his second title of the year, having won a hardcourt event in Phoenix.

"I was just hanging in there and playing every game the same," Spadea said after winning the last four games of the match. "He just made a few loose errors."

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No. 35/2003-2004

Tenders under sealed cover as per "The Public Procurement Regulations-2003" are hereby invited from LGED's up-to-date enlisted contractors or any development project's pre-qualified contractor or any individual/firm (as per Regulation-12) (as per class capacity) for implementation of total 03 (three) schemes under Low Cost Bridge/Culvert Construction on Rural Road Project during 2003-2004 financial year in Tangail district under Local Government Engineering Directorate.

- Last date, time & place of selling tender schedule : 25 July 2004, 4:00pm & a) Office of the undersigned. b) Upazila Engineer, LGED, upazila: Sakhipur, Tangail. c) Deputy Commissioner, Tangail. d) Police Super, Tangail. e) Project Director, Low Cost Bridge/Culvert Construction on Rural Road Project, LGED, Head Office, Dhaka.
- Last date, time & place of submitting tender : 26 July, 2004, 2:00pm & a) Office of the undersigned. b) Upazila Engineer, LGED, upazila: Sakhipur, Tangail. c) Deputy Commissioner, Tangail. d) Police Super, Tangail. e) Project Director, Low Cost Bridge/Culvert Construction on Rural Road Project, LGED, Head Office, Dhaka.
- Date, time & place of opening tender schedule : 27 July, 2004, 12:00 Noon & office of the undersigned.
- Tenders submitted by the tenderers shall remain valid up to the following 119 days. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender or accept/reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Interested tenderers may know all information regarding tender and purchase it through cash payment/treasury challan/bank draft of prescribed price from the said places.
- The rules of "The Public Procurement Regulations-2003" issued by government shall be applicable in all matters of tender document preparation, sale & receipt of tender, tender evaluation, selection of contractor etc.

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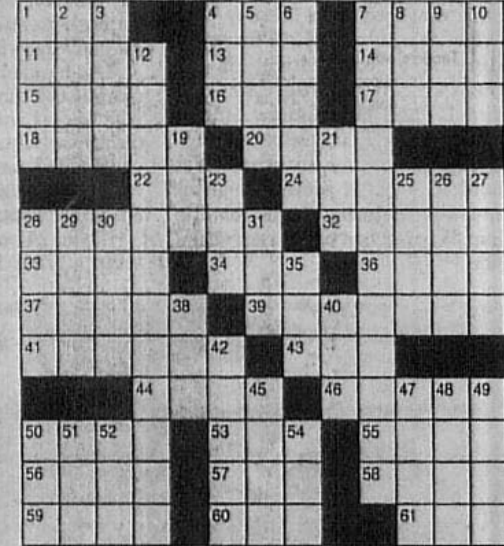
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Saturday's Cryptogram: IN THE SIXTIES, COULD ONE EXPECT THAT CERTAIN BARS AND PUBS HAD A HIPPIE HOUR?

Today's Cryptogram Clue: W equals P

The Cryptogram 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. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.